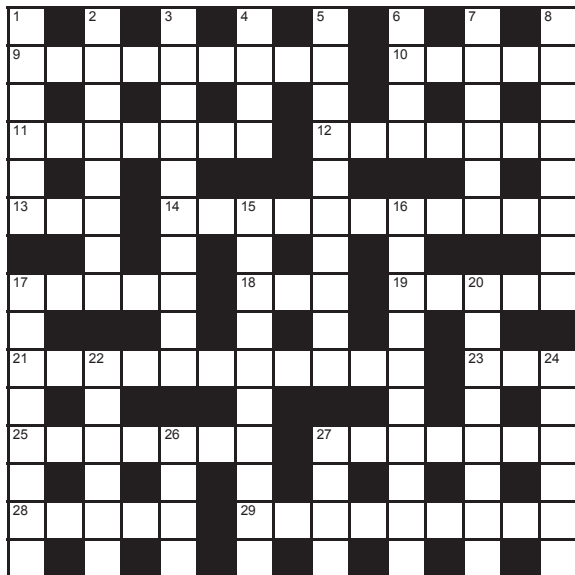


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,259 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 9 Food pigs eat? Mostly the contrary (9)
- 10 Incidental remark from a second swimmer (5)
- 11 Marsupial finding some flipping emus soporific (7)
- 12 Daily Mail's No.1 royal Romeo (7)
- 13, 14, 17 Play with a theme of strength being destroyed, after losing heart in courtship (3,6,2,3,5)
- 18 Republic of South Sudan's regular visitor (3)
- 19 Barman an old king's left for dead (5)
- 21 Mischief-maker's in the Home Counties, meeting English monarch in pursuit of own interests (4-7)
- 23 Drunken tinker appearing as lord? Just first character in today's play ultimately (3)
- 25 Heading away from square, cycling round to the Central Line (7)
- 27 More perverted relations with heartless killer (7)
- 28 Bar serving gin to drunk (5)
- 29 A leading role in conversion of useless picture house (9)

### DOWN

- 1 E-Type going around the fastest possible speed for a car (6)
- 2 One that's ruined our best bit of acting? (8)
- 3 Grand house on front of Sunday Times has nobody living there now (5,5)
- 4 Drug taken by Italian married couple (4)

- 5 US city given doubly wrong-sounding name at lunchtime? (10)
- 6 Joke gets one mad (4)
- 7 With only one small plea to 27 down, beginning to tempt fate (6)
- 8 Agreed to try and try again (4,4)
- 15 Writing about current role that's turned up, in which there just might be a catch (10)
- 16 Oily and obsequious Spanish interjection involving nothing anti-American (10)
- 17 Method by which integrated circuit is affecting the whole body? (8)
- 20 Psychologically manipulate, generally starting with a disrespectful insult (8)
- 22 Tight uniform – leg with no room to unwind (6)
- 24 Frightful worry about a growth (6)
- 26 Goodbye to All That's leading parts are about to be cast (2-2)
- 27 Female swimmer's first off (4)

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