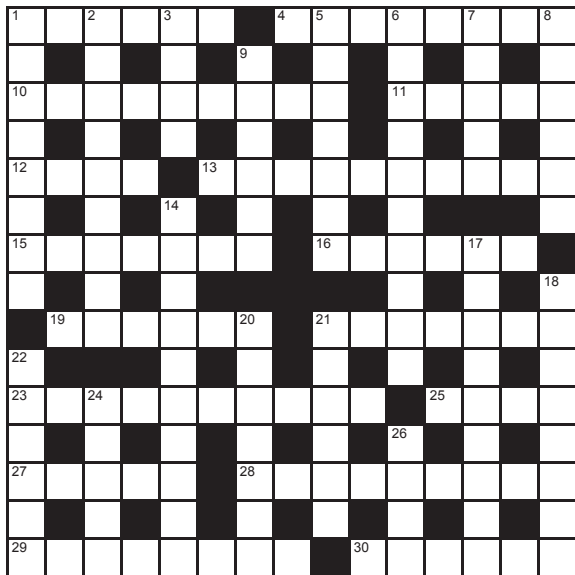


CROSSWORD

No. 13,983 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Comment about point for merit (6)
- 4 Sign showing a short part of flight facing hazard (8)
- 10 Sparking wine left by trainee short of time in procession (9)
- 11 Source of oil that's been totally recorded presumably (5)
- 12 Fat lawyer's advice to victim of company, we hear (4)
- 13 Secure a drink with legal figure, a cocktail (4,6)
- 15 A scholar only ruffled on the outside in irregular feature (7)
- 16 Fastidious daughter is not commonly taken with unknown character (6)
- 19 Stop around entrance to refinery that's occupied by strikers (6)
- 21 Blend seaweed in a very small measure (7)
- 23 Dishevelled tourist flanked by river consuming cold meat (10)
- 25 Happy expression with laborious study almost complete (4)
- 27 Weary feeling inspired by salesmen, nuisances (5)
- 28 Strategist misjudged antic around start of play (9)
- 29 Normal cosmetic lotions, nothing less, for business associates (8)
- 30 Protein substance from yard in eastern islands and Middle East (6)

DOWN

- 1 Fruit under stacks? It's drawn by a man (8)
- 2 Struggle before game in Rome possibly for one getting into shorts? (9)
- 3 Bother caused by firearm missing central part (4)

- 5 Troublesome situation on a street for college caterer (7)
- 6 Careful English firm supported by number over fraudulent claim (10)
- 7 Trade commonly in midwest state and Mediterranean location (5)
- 8 Former footballer is enthusiastic about first half of match (6)
- 9 China abroad engaged in surreptitious line (6)
- 14 Judge murderer featured in a leading novel (7,3)
- 17 Plant I found hidden by unusually grey till (5,4)
- 18 Artist before change lacking power and distinction (8)
- 20 Important line to square ground deprived of sun (7)
- 21 Strongly criticise volunteers turning up before course of action (6)
- 22 Maintenance at university, something historically defended (6)
- 24 Antipathy initially suppressed for possessive type (5)
- 26 Token function reportedly (4)

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