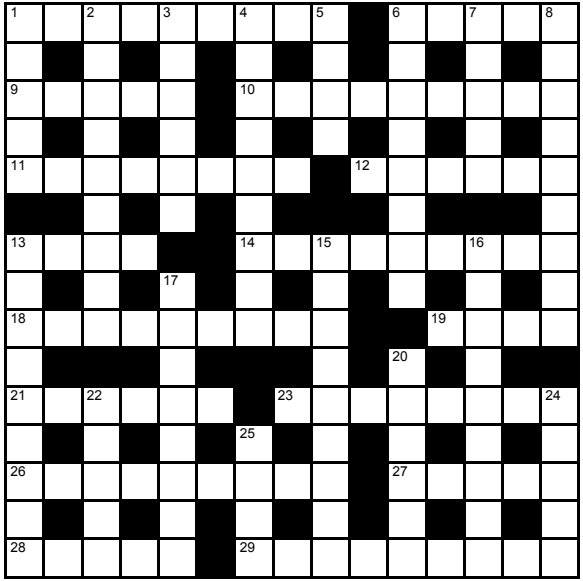
CROSSWORD
No. 13,731 Set by COURTIER



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1 "Former champion has confused an artist with a river, Virginia". (9)
6 It passes through a prism, a shaft of light overhead (5)
9 Block obtained after I took direction (5)
10 He's coming in to sign a dictionary (9)
11 Peers mostly right about the quality of viewing (8)
12 Showing self-confidence that is largely lightweight (6)
13 A note to the police about an imperfection (4)
14 Short teasers designed to make a point at court (4,5)
18 Exaggerate deliveries to the country (9)
19 Donations for weapons by the sound of it (4)
21 Loyalty may be late in following year (6)
23 "One of the favourites started in formal attire alright but has nothing on, Victoria!" (8)
26 A wonderful way with deep water (9)
27 The first cord, figuratively speaking (5)
28 Military uniform is cut in a different way (5)
29 A crazy start by England has the heartless rushed (4,5)

DOWN

1 Spin a share (5)
2 Get garage to put together total (9)
3 Achieve something at tennis, first with one in Scotland (6)
4 Charade to produce things with many faces (9)
5 Declare it's pretty ordinary with age (4)
6 As to aces, they may become marginal (3,5)
7 Put on to protect the stage perhaps (5)
8 Changing shoes sets them up as entertainers (9)
13 Penalty for overstepping the mark (9)
15 Agape, like Belloc's Ponto was (4-5)
16 Unaware of what's clear about one pound (9)
17 Mysterious about rice following return to the south-east (8)
20 Short account of first sailing vessel (6)
22 An extra returns with a show of assent the first two days (3,2)
24 Civil engineer holds one material and creates another (5)
25 Criticise a version of 19 (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday July 9
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday July 11
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