

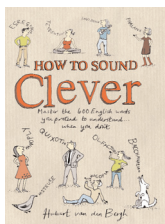
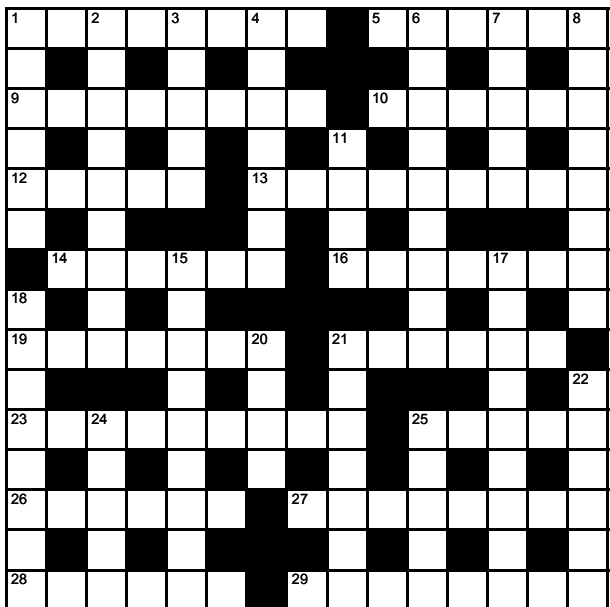
Crossword 13,572 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Shame to like people, son main-tained (8)
- 5 Coat having lost lustre (6)
- 9 Doctor visiting a grave, old killer (4,4)
- 10 Country amending engineer's conclu-sion (6)
- 12 Sign of the property market, having little room to evict one (2,3)
- 13 Cryptically, a number previously mentioned (9)
- 14 Durable material sent back, ultimate in fabrics on the way out (6)
- 16 Stones putting first of holes in sole (7)
- 19 Eye needing little movement to cut gem (7)
- 21 Explosive sneakily taped round back of chair (6)
- 23 Car, itself with interior of black – purple? Not very! (9)
- 25 Plant individual inside elaborate sys-tem (5)
- 26 Narrow escape for mouse, by the sound of it? (6)
- 27 Low chap keeping harp, primarily, as something to pluck? (8)
- 28 One far off? Absolutely not! (2,4)
- 29 As trifle thrown around, it appears most fragile (8)

DOWN

- 1 Shortage bringing extinction around end of year (6)
- 2 Focus on bank in insult (9)
- 3 Short jacket raised capital (5)
- 4 Arrive not complete with visa but navigational aid (7)
- 6 Criminal dressed in scarlet (9)
- 7 A fly goes up skimpy garment (5)
- 8 They say the sun's cheap, however, for native of Lapland? (8)
- 11 Sense Obama's lack of involvement? (4)
- 15 Mexican dish I had cut up with lance (9)
- 17 Sprout a metre, in winding under roof of greenhouse (9)
- 18 Snake going on foot? (8)
- 20 Opera singer (4)
- 21 Said to be drawing water in this? (7)
- 22 Group putting old lover in *Let It Be* (6)
- 24 Honest deception (5)
- 25 US city incarcerated in Bedlam – I am institutionalised (5)

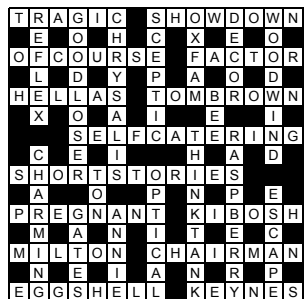


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Solution 13,571



Solution 13,560



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