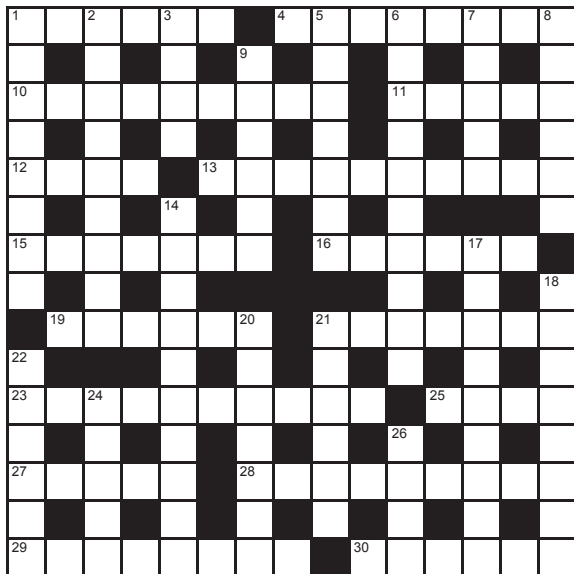


CROSSWORD

No. 13,857 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Cat gets a bit of rabbit stuck in the throat (6)
- 4 Drills type of junction box (3,5)
- 10 Beast left in splendid pasture (9)
- 11 Could show strength (5)
- 12 Reportedly breed fish (4)
- 13 Legislative body has money for wine (10)
- 15 Greed is a sin consuming a resistance leader (7)
- 16 Bird starts to like eating shellfish (6)
- 19 Posted letters for autocrat (6)
- 21 Apathetic group becomes determined (4,3)
- 23 Dessert wine gives one the shakes later (10)
- 25 Bird featured in banner headline (4)
- 27 Boy wanting more tobacco (5)
- 28 Dan turned ugly when laid off (9)
- 29 Society awaiting settlement of expenses (8)
- 30 Condition of works of art head of Egyptologists removed (6)

DOWN

- 1 Support suspension of delivery (3,5)
- 2 Quack remedy Ada got off the shelf (5-4)
- 3 Son caught in trap? Retreat! (4)
- 5 Exterminate troublesome mice constantly present in the locality (7)
- 6 Profitable advertisement (10)
- 7 King Edward contracted fungal disease (5)
- 8 Gods making birds fly round a pole (6)
- 9 Prepared veg that is found in old club (6)
- 14 Passed away consuming liquor when low (10)
- 17 Become despondent as the role gets changed (4,5)
- 18 Maps feature National Trust island – land that was lost (8)
- 20 A number embrace goddess? That's capital! (7)
- 21 Judge finds detectives taken in by banker (6)
- 22 Finished one small drink (6)
- 24 Duplicate bridge player can get into knots (5)
- 26 Bird's speed (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday December 3
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday December 5
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