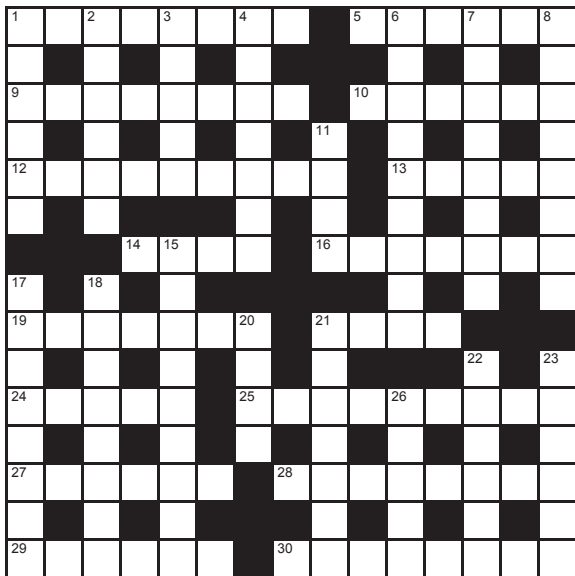


CROSSWORD

No. 14,556 Set by ROSA KLEBB



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Strikes a blow* (8)
- 5 Still in command after brief panic (6)
- 9 Bodyguard on East Asian boat is post no-one wants (4,4)
- 10 Union reps and relatives eat heartily (4,2)
- 12 Char performing aerobics round pole (9)
- 13 Pursue Charles I of England (5)
- 14 Revise parts of OED itself (4)
- 16 Person associated with bust and boom in business (7)
- 19 Present or former currency (7)
- 21 Call round (4)
- 24 Seriousness of actor Johnny's lisp (5)
- 25 Vigorously administer a chest rub in Balkan city (9)
- 27 Saw a lost paradise in Scandinavian country (6)
- 28 Bra size that is transfixing Oregon resident (8)
- 29 Most reluctant, I agree to get into bed (6)
- 30 Free intermingling of our genes (8)

DOWN

- 1 Bachelor in Paris, I engaged in deed of lowest kind (6)
- 2 East End thug turned up in northern waste (6)

- 3 Starts skipping from me to lover (5)
- 4 Way to the top is ultimately perilous when wearing skirt (3,4)
- 6 Chunter on about staff (9)
- 7 Minus view on holiday (4,4)
- 8 Meet Charlie by side of road (8)
- 11 Pickle, stew or jam (4)
- 15 Daddy has three such offspring (9)
- 17 Setting out 1 Dec, goes shortest way from A to B (8)
- 18 Fury as fruit tree is split by old axes (8)
- 20 Knights head of dynamic Swiss bank (4)
- 21 What Greens do on bike (7)
- 22 Ireland is besieged by diminutive female sheep (6)
- 23 *Thumps heartless jerks (6)
- 26 Pleasantly occupy morning with exercise (5)

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