

Crossword 15,402 Set by Goliath

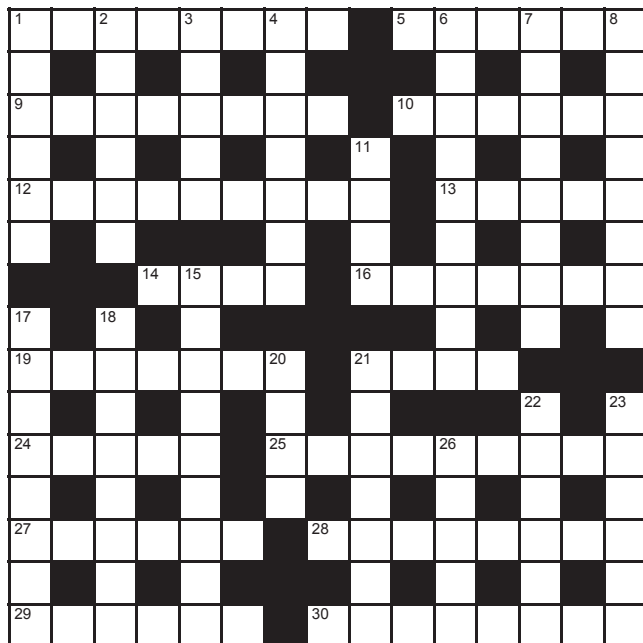
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ACROSS

- 1 Top sturdiest construction (8)
- 5 Employ first judge (6)
- 9 The type of drink some tosser pseudo-intellectual knocked back (8)
- 10 Tails partner on purpose to begin with? That covers it (3,3)
- 12 Be suspicious to find this compiler among all-star cast (5,1,3)
- 13 Average temperature is indicated (5)
- 14 In ecstatic rapture (4)
- 16 First of BMWs is securely parked (7)
- 19 Polish senior clergyman out of work (7)
- 21 Sounds like he would mind (4)
- 24 Reminders to get naked: at last nothing is hidden (5)
- 25 What made Londoners choke quietly as Europe disintegrated (3-6)
- 27 It's essential for Oxford to step back (6)
- 28 This compiler before and after depression finally cleared name (8)
- 29 Kittens? (6)
- 30 Carte blanche for Spooner's chorus (4,4)

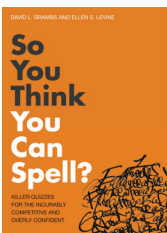
DOWN

- 1 Stylish medic losing a composition (6)
- 2 Eliot keeps a sword in many a tent (6)
- 3 Perfect trade is my job (5)
- 4 Part of the garden where leader slips free from restriction (7)
- 6 Finally, police force investing two thousand in high street competition (1-8)
- 7 Turmoil's rising. What's rising? Hot stuff's rising (8)
- 8 Named party crossed dotted line, perhaps (8)
- 11 Bust a gut to include men only (4)
- 15 Once more, state of Eritrea reformed these extremists (9)
- 17 Learn tap-dancing while pregnant (8)
- 18 At one's beck and call in the east to find a place to sleep right away (8)
- 20 Bob's wish (4)
- 21 More difficult to keep love for one to keep possessions (7)
- 22 Fairy corrupting priest (6)
- 23 I'm leaving acrimony to ferment in a drawer (6)
- 26 Lightweight uniform previously packaged (5)



Solution 15,401

Solution 15,390



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