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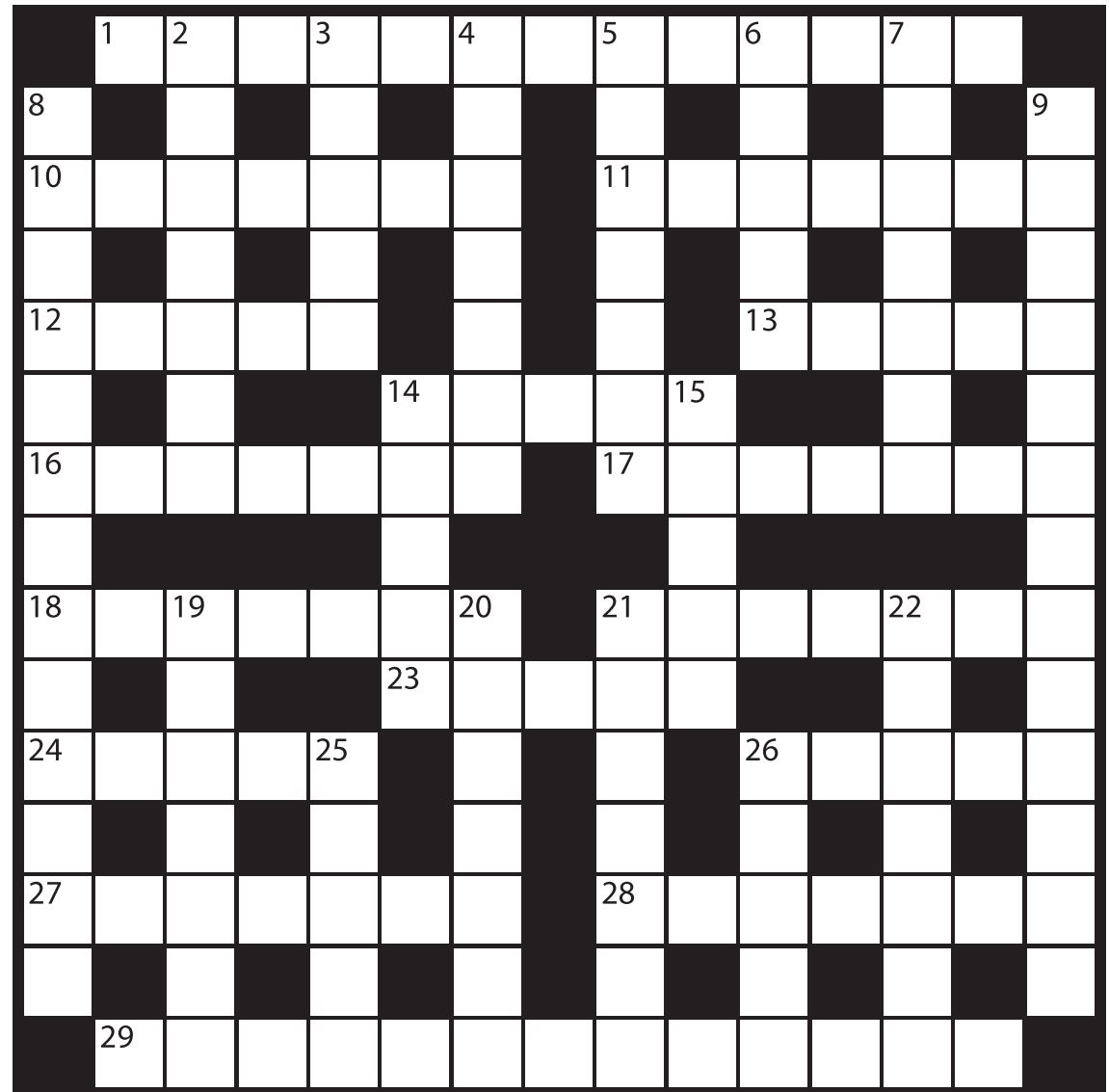
- 1 Proverbial saver I met maybe after bird is trapped in loose chains (1,6,2,4)  
 10 Gather Hebridean island etc. may be developed (7)  
 11 South America separates country and its capital for examination (7)  
 12 Pope's sylph or animated mermaid (5)  
 13 Born and died unknown - and poor (5)  
 14 Contract for renting or possible sale before end of June (5)  
 16 Unusual hero with VC is given new indication of rank (7)  
 17 Dog excited by demo say? (7)  
 18 It could create danger with very little explosive (7)  
 21 Call for sailors to pull with energy in own house (5-2)  
 23 Son has nothing to catch a gastropod (5)  
 24 I will interrupt fat landowner (5)  
 26 This fellow changed into a chemise (5)  
 27 Place in Africa in time has rite adjusted (7)  
 28 Space passengers welcome the French prospective partner (7)  
 29 Time to concentrate on drill position getting over short snatches of sleep (9,4)

**DOWN**

- 2 This flag is later replaced (7)  
 3 Perfect claim of trader (5)  
 4 Subject with appeal in Channel Islands: Buddhism (7)  
 5 Stamp and have a lasting influence (7)  
 6 Italian city in time rebuilt ruin (5)  
 7 What's puzzling monarch in my filthy room? (7)  
 8 Minor injury for leg spoiled good player of course (7,6)  
 9 Quiet female Tory I'd misled or aimed to draw at ... (6,3,4)  
 14 ... ground or £.s.d. laid out for house in Westminster (5)

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- 15 Support for painter from 14 across first to last (5)  
 19 Is it let out? No, it's letting the best in (7)  
 20 Rent fixed by proverbial worker for new tenant? (7)  
 21 Spanish noble I had upset left before start (7)  
 22 Rare disease European pharmacy first blended aioli for (7)  
 25 Lament makes CID officer for example run up (5)  
 26 Speaks in gestures not sounds or stars I've gladly never studied initially (5)