

**ACROSS**

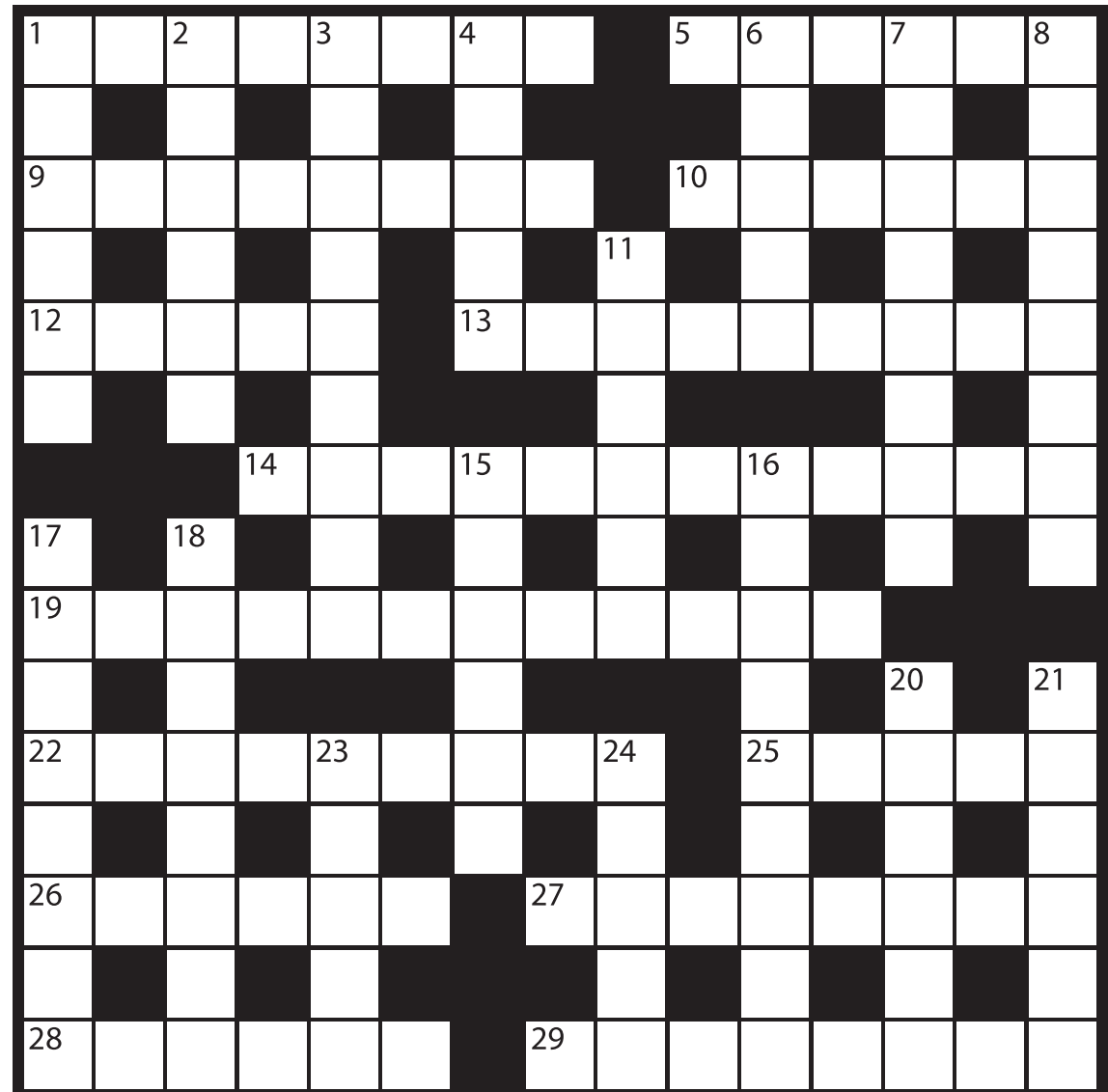
- 1 Ability to outdo a large town (8)  
 5 I smoke out Arctic dweller (6)  
 9 Ornament, badly created, with hole in the middle (8)  
 10 Medical condition again developed round neck initially (6)  
 12 Len in trouble with the cloth (5)  
 13 Annoying wound from burrowing animal (9)  
 14 One who works at intervals on the stage (5-7)  
 19 Unsettled when being weighed (2,3,7)  
 22 Silenced unfinished article, disintegrated about tail end (9)  
 25 Back before start of Monday to prepare again for attack (5)  
 26 Pinned down ridiculous denial (6)  
 27 Bald and insecure? (8)  
 28 Haiti tourist's first moving to another island (6)  
 29 Expectation of a search for gold (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 All-round demonstration of affection (6)  
 2 Father to hum, we hear, whilst walking (6)  
 3 Extremely bad with the French history (9)  
 4 Pole placed in grotto temporarily (5)  
 6 Wrong American cavity (5)  
 7 One fool I scoffed to begin with (8)  
 8 Greenhouse in another colour on the railway (8)  
 11 Sheila converted by prophet (6)  
 15 Not quite noon, before the due time (6)  
 16 Without interest, become liable for debts (9)  
 17 Clearly seen to be separate (8)

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- 18 Five-armed creature, a brilliant swimmer? (8)  
 20 Gear for a football challenge (6)  
 21 Among maids getting upset before the end of breakfast (6)  
 23 Provide therapy as a special favour (5)  
 24 Some ordinary foreign currency (5)