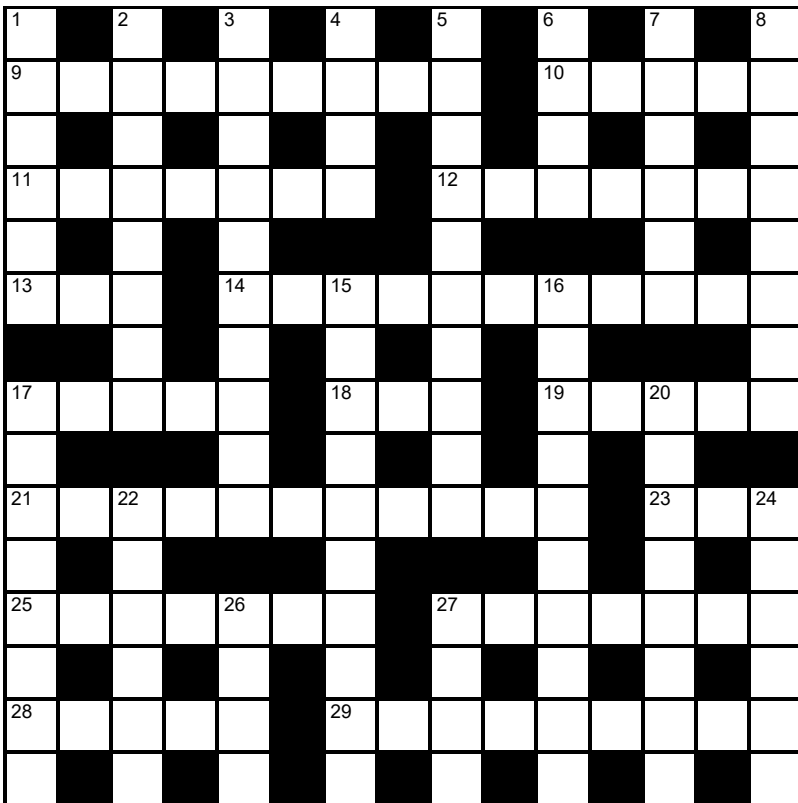


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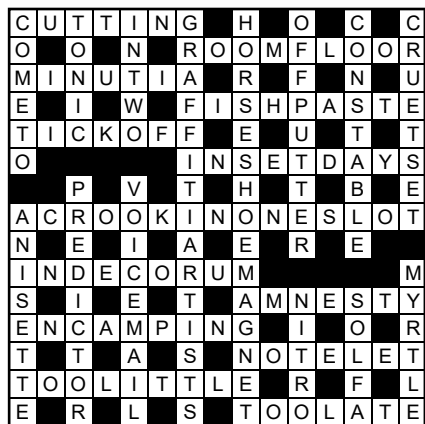
ACROSS

- 9 Praise a knees-up ahead of budget (9)
- 10 Love a yawn (5)
- 11 Lifeless street close to here to get one's back up (7)
- 12 Rent trouble is a big blow (7)
- 13 Gesture of respect from mob boss going west (3)
- 14 Blue material run amok (11)
- 17 Old school exercises right before a musical drama (5)
- 18 Athenian character's positive greeting (3)
- 19 Mean really no hint of sarcasm (5)
- 21 Who arranges great Levant tours? (6,5)
- 23 Choose some from top table (3)
- 25 Is a name lost with this? (7)
- 27 Public records American church in old-style split (7)
- 28 Stop clubs gaining wealth (5)
- 29 Terrible fall as Ms Gardner left an old poster boy? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Burning passion under quiet cleric (6)
- 2 Lazy check when rook is solitary (4-4)
- 3 Messily eat a plum in work (10)
- 4 Uproar over English banquet (4)
- 5 Four probing novice's gumption (10)
- 6 Beautiful feminine manner (4)
- 7 Not quite sure going on pretty much dry adventure holiday? (6)
- 8 Rally such as AA supports (8)
- 15 Take the lid off crazy VIPs (3,7)
- 16 Noble actor's art I trashed (10)
- 17 Run rings round blooming union (8)
- 20 Area for little lad (8)
- 22 Flower book (6)
- 24 Where we might cruise with repeating motif? (6)
- 26 This anxious state upset liberal Tories (4)
- 27 Absent means off (4)

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