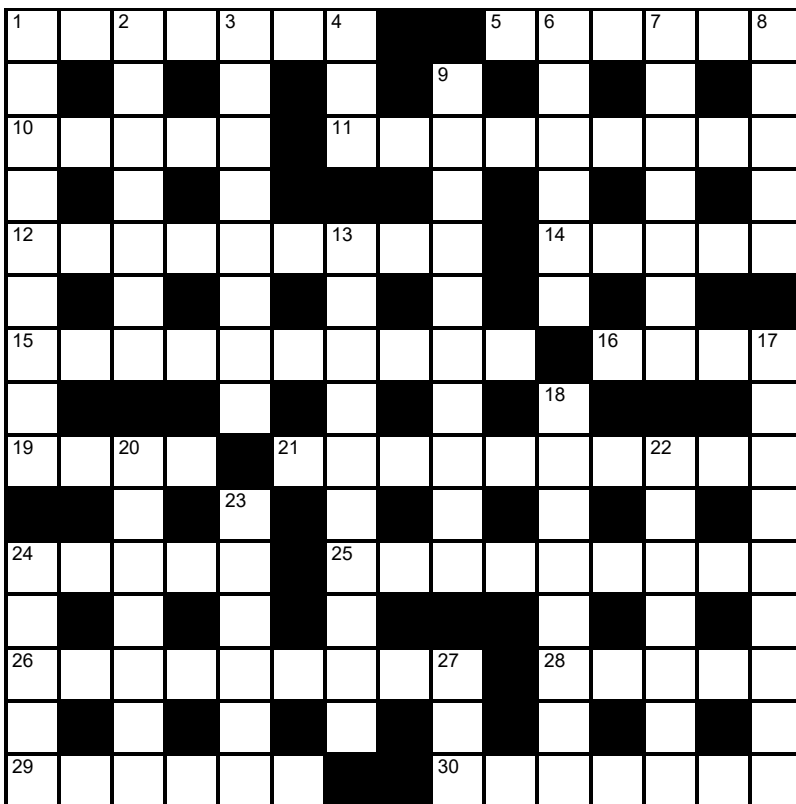


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## ACROSS

- 1 Lost to antiquity, like husband's boring hat (7)  
 5/29 Drink hot date introduced to idiot twins (who shall be nameless) (6-6)  
 10 Twist away with ease (5)  
 11 Sort of lush, very large, mountain (2,2,5)  
 12 Hound my counterpart in *Pravda*? (3,6)  
 14 Chap heading west almost left port (5)  
 15 A line on river-dweller withdrawing rather briskly (10)  
 16 Weapon curiously vanished, as has Dean (4)  
 19 *Paradise Regained* and *Endymion* at their unified core (4)  
 21 I'm loving this sweet German wine: we sent empties here? (7,3)  
 24 That woman, she's enchanting to the ear (5)  
 25 Were leading actors entertaining author Douglas? (4,5)  
 26 Keep on alone, always probing (9)  
 28 The nearly men left in the crummy bits (1-4)  
 29 See 5  
 30 Swine and deer, young Spooner gives warning (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Caps taken off for it, dropped lawsuit (5-4)  
 2 Giant split within set (7)  
 3 See 13  
 4 Votes against heir moving up (3)  
 6 Head-turning splendour of Hollywood topcoat (6)  
 7 Initially holding post in retirement, Kamala is irritable (7)  
 8 It's very alarming indeed about Mika's gut (5)  
 9 Smart-arse gets this wrong, missing his stellar shift (4,6)  
 13/3 24ac 25, a question of order some other Across answers fail to resolve (3,7,2,3,3)  
 17 Tiddly dipping into wine cask, get cards (5-2-2)  
 18 Safeguard when posting second win (5,3)  
 20 Pointed remark investigator found cutting spread to the north (7)  
 22 Variety of flour tortilla (a lot full to bursting from it!), but folding over (7)  
 23 Alfred, Peter or Catherine perhaps eliminated danger (6)  
 24 A little money United accepted no longer on record (5)  
 27 Is it Germany's football team being mischievous? (3)

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