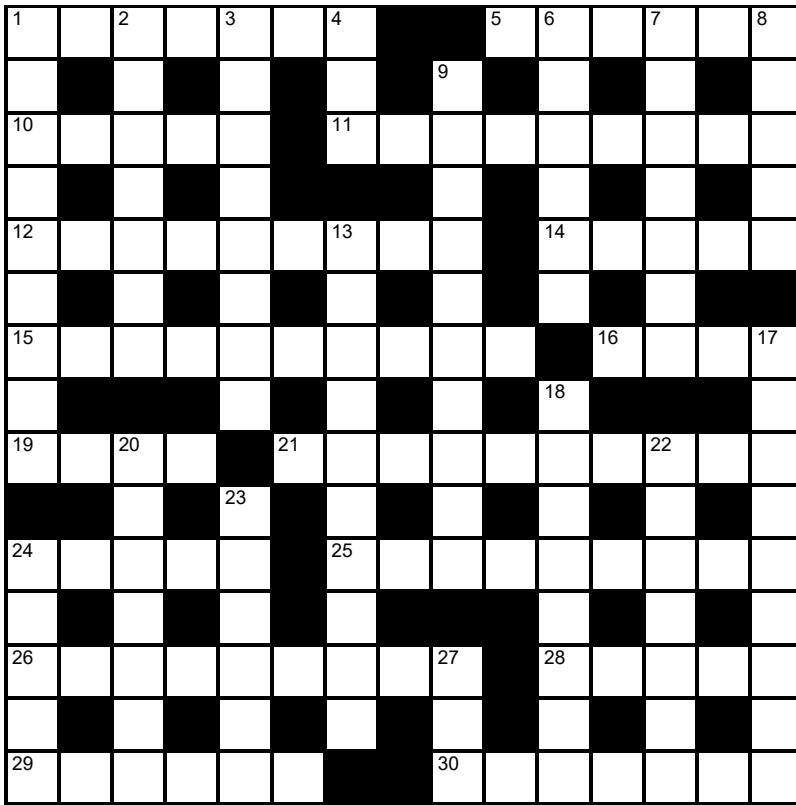


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ACROSS

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

DOWN

- Caps taken off for it, dropped lawsuit (5-4)
- Giant split within set (7)
- See 13
- Votes against heir moving up (3)
- Head-turning splendour of Hollywood topcoat (6)
- Initially holding post in retirement, Kamala is irritable (7)
- It's very alarming indeed about Mika's gut (5)
- 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)
- Tiddly dipping into wine cask, get cards (5-2-2)
- Safeguard when posting second win (5,3)
- Pointed remark investigator found cutting spread to the north (7)
- Variety of flour tortilla (a lot full to bursting from it!), but folding over (7)
- Alfred, Peter or Catherine perhaps eliminated danger (6)
- A little money United accepted no longer on record (5)
- Is it Germany's football team being mischievous? (3)

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