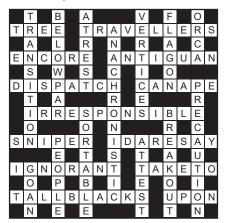
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### Solution 17.900





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### **ACROSS**

- 1 Fellow with microphone who's funny on
- 4 English boy put back glass instrument
- 9 Stars made out of large piece of carrot? (3,6)
- 10 Old Greek at the front of Taverna's in charge (5) 11 Blokes in A&E turned around for
- uncomfortable procedure (5) 12 Fishy fellows taking naked trip close to
- **13** Rock singers Elton John and Paul McCartney? — dash inside (6) 14 'Special One' upset defender (7)

Stockport 'for fun' (9)

- 17 A politician on cocaine with unfinished dry aperitif (7)
- **19** The old ring boxes changing colour (6)
- 22 Sombrely and unsteadily rise alongside lousy drunk (9) 24 Such characters from 5th Feb are the
- best (5)
- 25 Start working with firm (5) 26 Scatter on one's pizza topping (9)
- 28 Wrapping a baby in sister's top and rocking while walking (9)
- 29 Where toys may be displayed by quiet toymaker (5)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 You and I beginning to busk behind horse and trap? (6)
- 2 Mg of drugs I found within gun (9)
- 3 Claim to be energised by extremities of the weather over time (7)
- 4 Go to sleep in an applecart (3)
- 5 Without expecting it, Grumpy's forced inside (11)
- 6 Weak and delicate base broken by dog's bottom (7)
- **7** Bring together, then turn it loose (5)
- 8 Onstage cast finally create plays and the like (2.6)
- 12 River Island, in front of which young woman is reflecting very quietly (11)
- **15** Inspiring old thespian performs in tights
- 16 Is cross section, initially, roughly cut with them? (8)
- 18 Dope discovered to be held by Bill & Ted in custody (7)
- 20 Old newspapers in train (7)
- 21 Artwork prompting one to feel reassurance (6) 23 Piece from opera starring Bob Marley?
- (5)
- 27 Creature that's just over 3 grams (3)