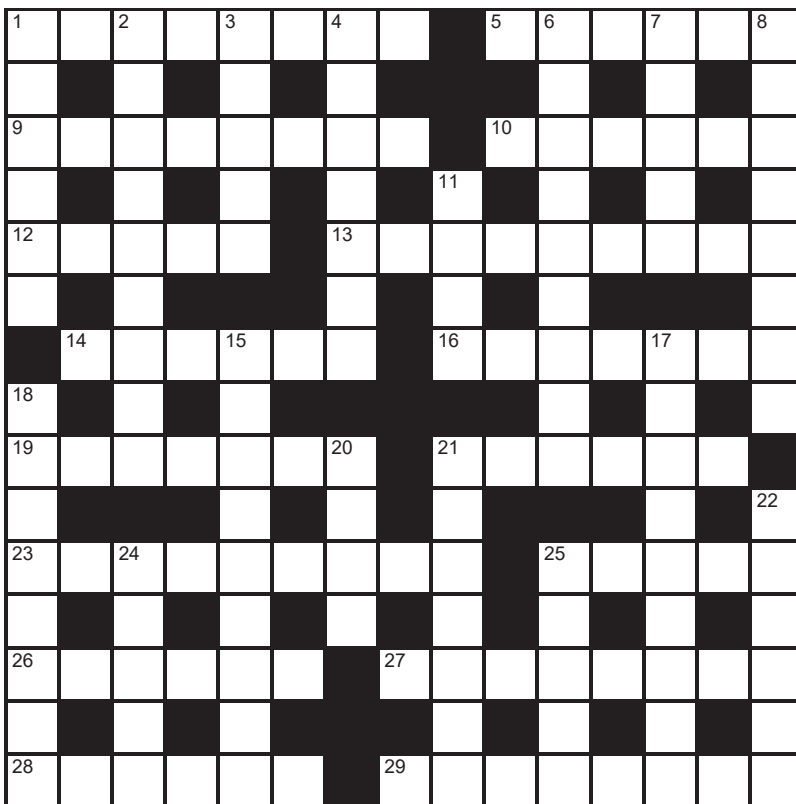


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ACROSS

- 1 This could make Clare go away (5,3)
- 5 Son is without trousers (6)
- 9 Shilling left inside low WWII aeroplane (8)
- 10 Defrauds prison officers (6)
- 12 Big cat's leap lacking power (5)
- 13 Being awfully nice with exes? About time! (9)
- 14 Mum is knocked back by period of fasting (6)
- 16 Newspapers containing nothing about series of events (7)
- 19 The man left Portugal with 'flu - terrible kind (7)
- 21 Hectic game abandoned (6)
- 23 Criticising Territorial Army about changing course (9)
- 25 Play scene (5)
- 26 Regretted admitting home's derelict (6)
- 27 Gallery initially bent drawing (8)
- 28 Speak about France and French welfare (6)
- 29 Affects half of pretty nurses (8)

DOWN

- 1 Ordinary couple of months in company, working (6)
- 2 Renewed lease isn't vital (9)
- 3 Blush from finally getting squeezed by libertine (5)
- 4 Most stout a teetotaler's hidden in party (7)
- 6 Emollients covering half of Cath's spots (9)
- 7 Wash top of calf and heel (5)
- 8 South American writers primarily enjoy creating tension (8)
- 11 Chicken with monkey (4)
- 15 Orderly's terrible tiff with niece (9)
- 17 Joy without envy, oddly, getting promotion (9)
- 18 Places in hospital he treats wound (8)
- 20 Retreat from Labour leader, scratching head (4)
- 21 Soldier's pistol picked up by a king (7)
- 22 Herds crossing eastern river (6)
- 24 Criminal from India grabbed by the foot (5)
- 25 Plan day on boat (5)

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