

CROSSWORD 17,976 by ROSA KLEBB

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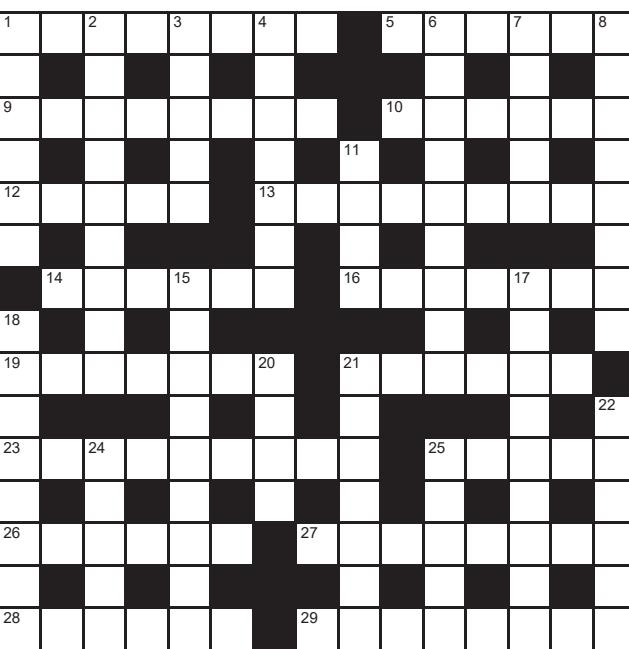
- 1 Spooner's kept rodent in state of confusion (8)
- 5 Try to seduce male in field after tea (4,2)
- 9 Noxious international politician in charge following success (8)
- 10 Element of wine, striking but lacking finish (6)
- 12 Unattached ladies perhaps seen half-cut (5)
- 13 Chivalry of old captured in rambling epistles (9)
- 14 Some German queens with unfulfilled potential (6)
- 16 Conservative dons left in high spirits (7)
- 19 Talk about green landscape (7)
- 21 Extremely cool, always smart (6)
- 23 Companion without weapon is unappealing (9)
- 25 Lizard and parrot caught following tip from gardener (5)
- 26 Initially censor word, pure filth (6)
- 27 Dull mate selling online boomerangs (8)
- 28 Most painful resolution kept by drunkard (6)
- 29 Exercise hurt aged relative (8)

DOWN

- 1 Mutter of medic bitten by quadruped (6)
- 2 Sensitivity of unusually myopic lad (9)
- 3 Nothing pleasant pending (2,3)
- 4 Small drink for Dot (7)
- 6 Anguish of judge with facial hair (9)
- 7 Grasping instrument, start to tackle song cycles (5)
- 8 Idiots hand pies out (8)
- 11 Sad bachelor, regularly ill-used (4)
- 15 Meeting to probe paper jams (9)
- 17 Pointed at first to rear entrance (9)
- 18 Copies crazy American, plausible but wrong (8)
- 20 Square divisible by two (4)
- 21 Help with stool in Erica's caravan (7)
- 22 Certainly not changing forename without me! (2,4)
- 24 Channel Island's five leaders birch relative (5)
- 25 Prison uniform left covered in crack (5)



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Solution 17,970

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OAR RAU UP PR
TOP COATS GOOGOL
RAT TME ECN
BARROW AIRSHOWS
Y TUT I A
HARRISONFORD
CUS VAE
CHARTTOPPERS
A I ART P
ONEACTER HEEHAW
D D E O AN P
BLADES LASVEGAS
E O L E T R Y
TRUNCATE YESMAN