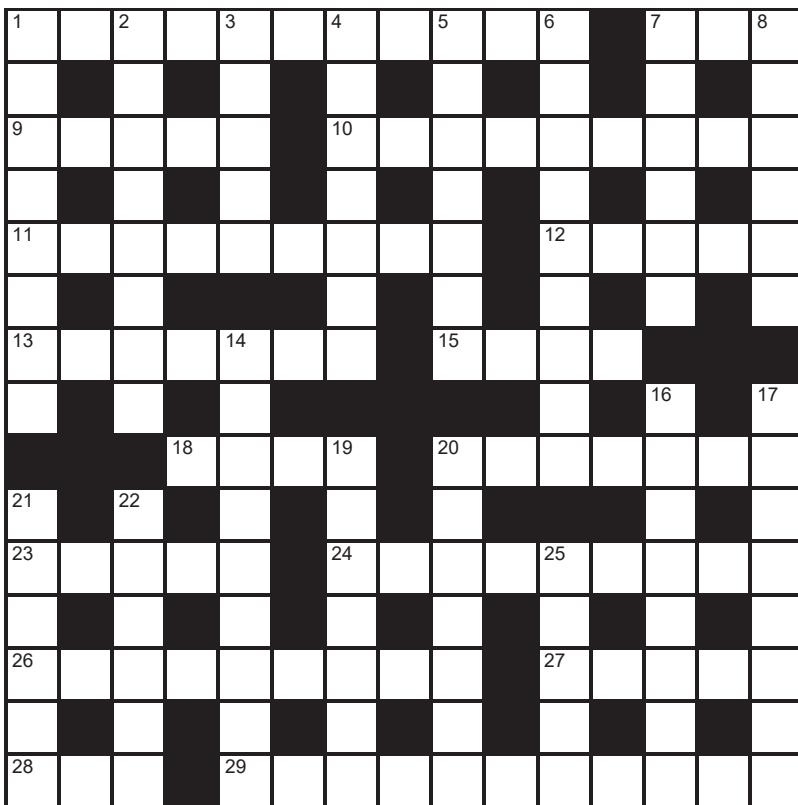


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ACROSS

- 1 Part of poem on spiteful woman facing a calamity (11)
- 7 Blue sky at first today (3)
- 9 Relaxed game of cards with a couple from Seoul (5)
- 10 Amiable Frenchman taken aback by bribe (9)
- 11 Not emotionally involved with anyone like Frank (5-4)
- 12 Clip the wings of most important foreigner (5)
- 13 Do without earl appealing (7)
- 15 The principal function of diplomacy (4)
- 18 Dress rehearsal's opening feeds gossip (4)
- 20 Dad with hint of listlessness stops using lead frying pan (7)
- 23 Excel when no longer in party (5)
- 24 Be responsible for talker of nonsense about love (4,5)
- 26 Mindful of taint Eve developed over time (9)
- 27 Peculiar charm of article on artist receiving award (5)
- 28 Evident in anarchism associated with that fellow (3)
- 29 Devils meeting resistance in art gallery show (11)

DOWN

- 1 Unfriendly measures causing loss of confidence (4,4)
- 2 Row over warning device becoming more unpleasant (8)
- 3 Quick to discard piece of pie when out of sorts (5)
- 4 Soldiers present in keep (7)
- 5 Stop parking right outside flat (7)
- 6 Daughter behind door spellbound (9)
- 7 Be absorbed in last of games at home with relatives (4,2)
- 8 Fearless lawyer going after gang? Just the opposite (6)
- 14 Dour and nervous crossing north-eastern plain (9)
- 16 Supplication to curb mythical god's excess (8)
- 17 Bearing the cost of conveyance (8)
- 19 Country bumpkin's original letter turned up in support of the Spanish soldier (7)
- 20 Mercurial prince leaves during middle of song (7)
- 21 Drug like heroin found in plant nutrient (6)
- 22 Tabulated numerical facts about university's standing (6)
- 25 American gin served up separately (5)

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