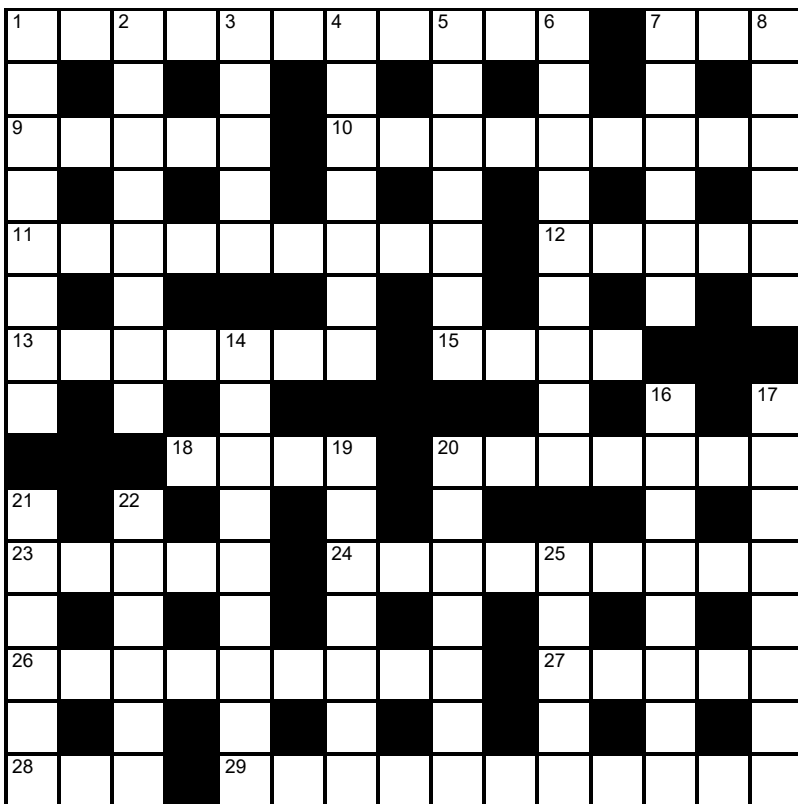


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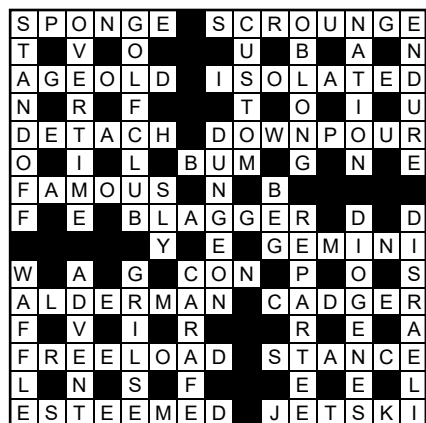
ACROSS

- 1 Coming soon; story about popular German singer (11)
- 7 Poles defending international wrongdoing (3)
- 9 Construction making a comeback in central Liverpool (5)
- 10 Go out with morsel for Spooner's dog (5,4)
- 11 Morning in Borstal ruined Sunday lunch? (5,4)
- 12 Supernatural apparition laid bare risk and left (5)
- 13 Editing software originally designed by retired school secretary (7)
- 15 Shrewd copper evacuated theatre (4)
- 18 Shot dead 28's mate (4)
- 20 Israeli's neighbour denied a say about medical instrument (7)
- 23 Coach trip essentially heading west across Thailand (5)
- 24 Nurse worked with nine religious communities (9)
- 26 Plant manager's heart set on exchanging frosty greeting (9)
- 27 Topic of article written by setter... (5)
- 28 ...solver read out for docile female (3)
- 29 Claim foes regularly drink alcohol? It keeps you animated! (4-7)

DOWN

- 1/19/20 Funny maidservant he soon sacked? No way! (5,2,1,5,2,7)
- 2 Chivalrous types irritate soldiers (8)
- 3 Child touring Antipodes on vacation gets brown (5)
- 4 Draw spirit sent back to see Scrooge (7)
- 5 Vitriolic writer supporting expert on right (7)
- 6 Retired film star embracing extremely tender fan (9)
- 7 Unkempt seabird finally finding sanctuary (6)
- 8 Necessity will reportedly provoke reaction (6)
- 14 Depiction of gateway blocked by beam (9)
- 16 Another broadcast about independent, unconventional protagonist (8)
- 17 State again starts to rouse extreme resistance, stopping benefit (8)
- 19 See 1 Down
- 20 See 1 Down
- 21 Suppress content of podcast if left-wing (6)
- 22 Celebrity against taking drug to stop consumption? (6)
- 25 Scoff at entering trading alliance with Portugal (3,2)

Solution 18,015



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