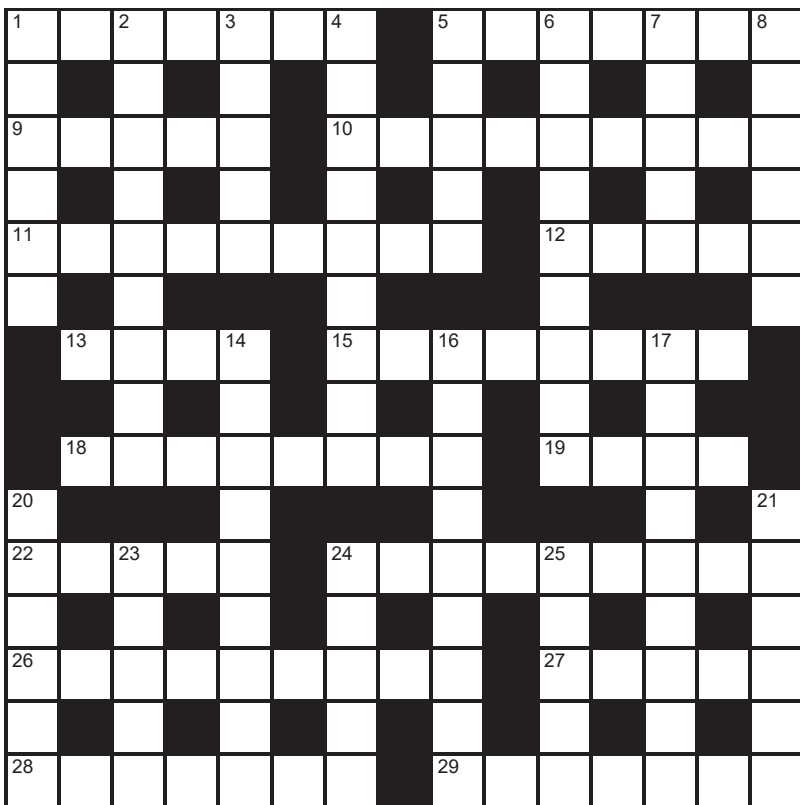
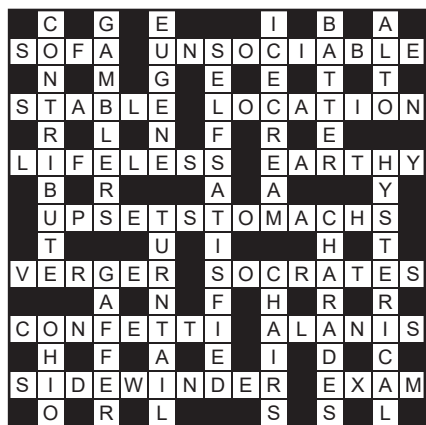


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ACROSS

- 1 Money-spinner? Caught a cold when invested in gig (4,3)
- 5 Charges in court involving DI close to witness (7)
- 9 A piece of specially prepared turf cut for match (5)
- 10 To do with the aristocracy, tragic boy in lair (9)
- 11 Woodward, say, short canny actor (6,3)
- 12 Maybe one inside, having misused rifle (5)
- 13 Light goods vehicle, English (4)
- 15 European crowd inside like this coffee (8)
- 18 One father brought in beers and surveying instruments (8)
- 19 Hard and wicked (4)
- 22 Vessel from Kenya or Tanzania (5)
- 24 Coldness of manner shown by detective (4,5)
- 26 Observed English opener, playing well, first, breaking record (9)
- 27 Situated in a town, elegant for the most part (5)
- 28 Eddie “the Eagle”’s in bed, ward six (7)
- 29 Finds out about daughter and becomes furious (4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Clubs — black (6)
- 2 After twist, dance that’s zany (9)
- 3 Explicit about king with three daughters (5)
- 4 Arm competitors (9)
- 5 File for storing mail during strike (2-3)
- 6 Boy upset over damaged sleigh (9)
- 7 Kid may be very loud after tea (5)
- 8 Philosopher on board (6)
- 14 Men, without leader, put away without a strenuous effort (9)
- 16 Norwich was first to trial these after badly performing coeds (9)
- 17 Room in inn baron also used (6,3)
- 20 A copse in resort (6)
- 21 Plums are stewed (6)
- 23 Frenchman and wife make a fresh start (5)
- 24 Blocks signals across heart of Leeds (5)
- 25 Female evangelist (5)