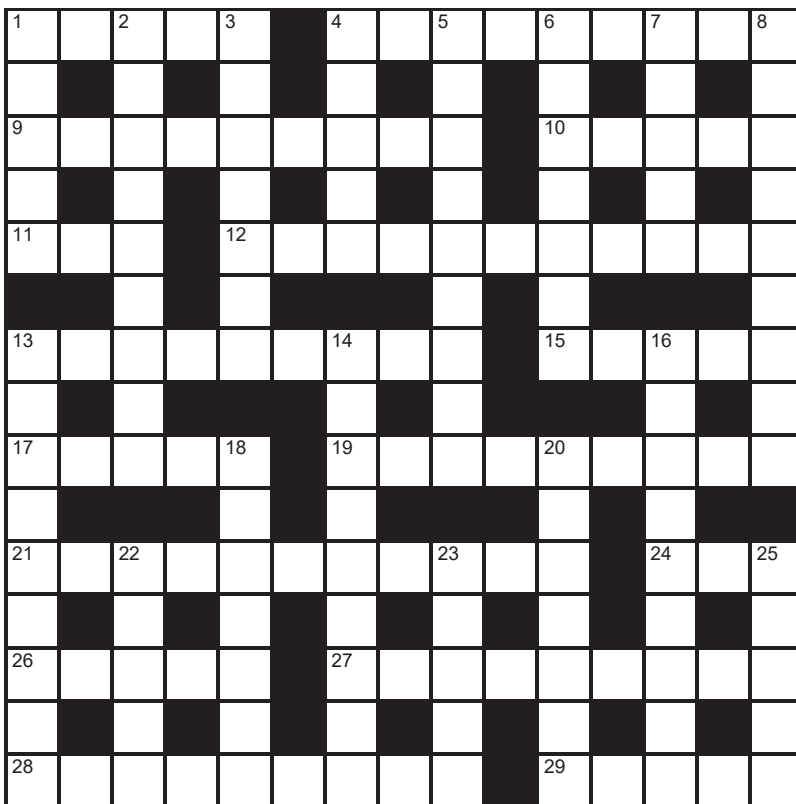# CROSSWORD No 18,080 by SOLOMON

ACROSS

1 The fringes of aged, fraying curtains (5)
4 Bravery overtakes one tending to call early, and they re-raise with a flush (9)
9 Revolutionary soldier carrying sticky road covering that slows progress (9)
10 Having lost a kilo, kleptomaniac is looking better (5)
11 Say, Anthony Hopkins is returning with part 4 of *Thor* (3)
12 Spotting one about to go without English books provided (11)
13 Refined editor backs journalists closing in on Cuba's leaders (9)
15 Cook clobbered rats around the back of gazebo (5)
17 Approach chicken enclosure in an excited state (3-2)
19 Unpredictably, prisoner escapes straight away (9)
21 One of the movers and shakers working with a dynamic corporation (5,6)
24 Solomon wears this suit (3)
26 Volume penned by Fielding? (5)
27 Film location settled on by *Cats'* heads of research in Xanadu (3,6)
28 Add cream inside cream cakes for dances (9)
29 Special, timeless playthings getting spun (2-3)

DOWN

1 Individuals aiming to get on the board of Dutch craft society (5)
2 PM Johnson may have placed noose here (9)
3 Subject of 26, say, or of *Trainspotting* — drugs? (7)
4 Brilliance of Pascal pronounced (5)
5 Lines on a map situated roughly south of Lima (9)
6 Development of fir cone? (7)
7 Rubbish hamper delivered for those with water retention (5)
8 Lively and astute guards quietly stand up (9)
13 Leave car beside mountain overlooking church and stop there for a rest (4,5)
14 Rock group's means of reaching LA? Dancing? (6,3)
16 Pretentious fellow breaks two plastic trays (4-5)
18 Note accompanying wages of 51p supporting secretaries across year (7)
20 Even now, before the breaking of day, 10% of leafleters are outside (7)
22 O, Romeo... Romeo? (5)
23 Sweets! Charlie saw sweets at last! (5)
25 Rates of temperature shown by lines on a chart (5)

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