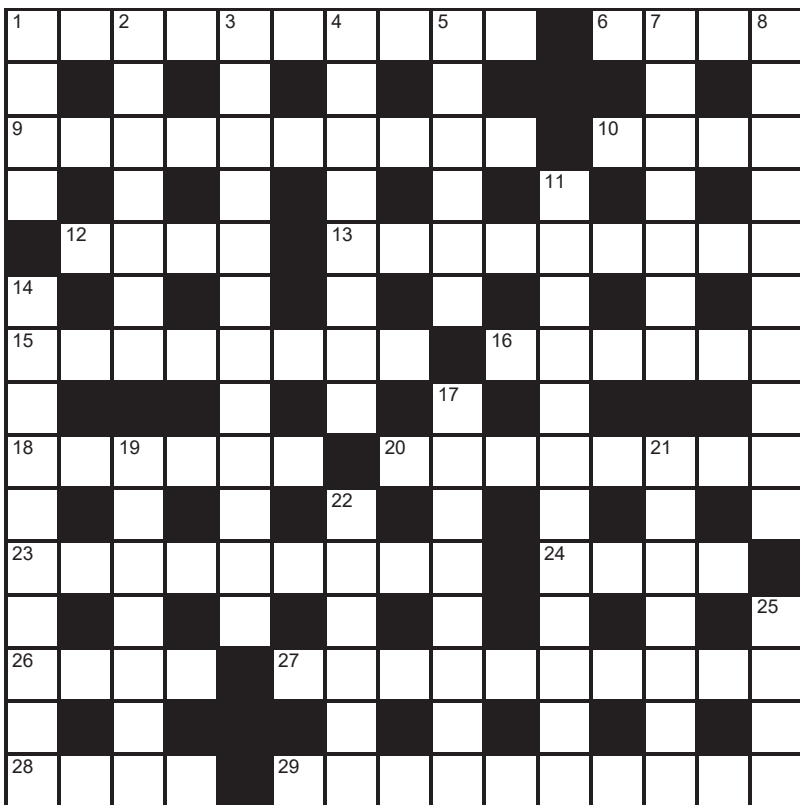


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ACROSS

- 1 Front of garage undoubtedly accommodating large area for drivers? (4,6)
- 6 Hands over change (4)
- 9 Poor moment to offer a critical opinion? (6-4)
- 10 Round, whitish, cut gem (4)
- 12 Bush turkeys fail to disperse in the end (4)
- 13 Carol possibly revealed they have no partner (9)
- 15 Agreeing to meet after test is smart (8)
- 16 Dissertations requiring this and this and, ultimately, this (6)
- 18 Precise trouble encountered during study (4-2)
- 20 21 bats carrying current source of illness? (8)
- 23 Some person's laughter is offensive (9)
- 24 Shady scheme involving small pic-taking device (4)
- 26 Deceitful act leading to university place (4)
- 27 What's to go or to stay? (10)
- 28 Plane maybe finally left after intense gale (4)
- 29 Players I punished with a curfew and reprimanded (10)

DOWN

- 1 My attempt initially seems hare-brained (4)
- 2 Accountant drawn in by money nearby (7)
- 3 Traditional nunnery somewhere in Scotland beside lake (12)
- 4 Using force to support universal rebellion (8)
- 5 Underworld figure with good amount of cash in Bangkok (6)
- 7 Deer used to be seen around quarry on island (7)
- 8 Resident of Aotearoa perhaps lays in open ground (10)
- 11 Identifying a bug, say, that's leaping all over the place (5-7)
- 14 Boss recently snubbed taking on one little apartment (6,4)
- 17 Neighbourhood police officer unwilling to bend (8)
- 19 Strict or direct, by the sound of it (7)
- 21 One facing facts about Hollywood's in-crowd (7)
- 22 Programme info covered by computing pioneer Lovelace (6)
- 25 Principal criminal investigator's need (4)

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