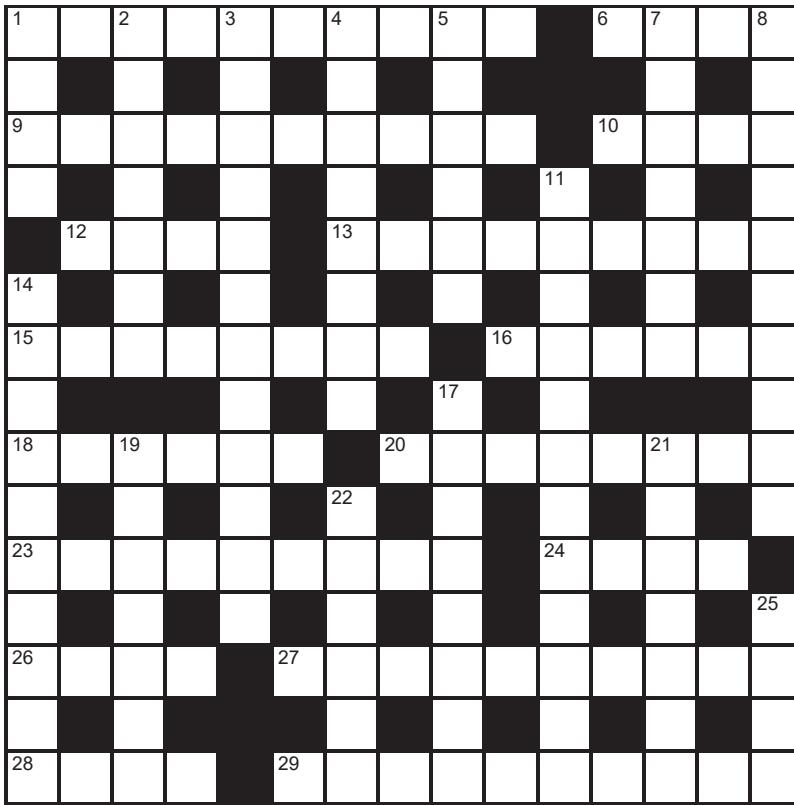


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ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

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