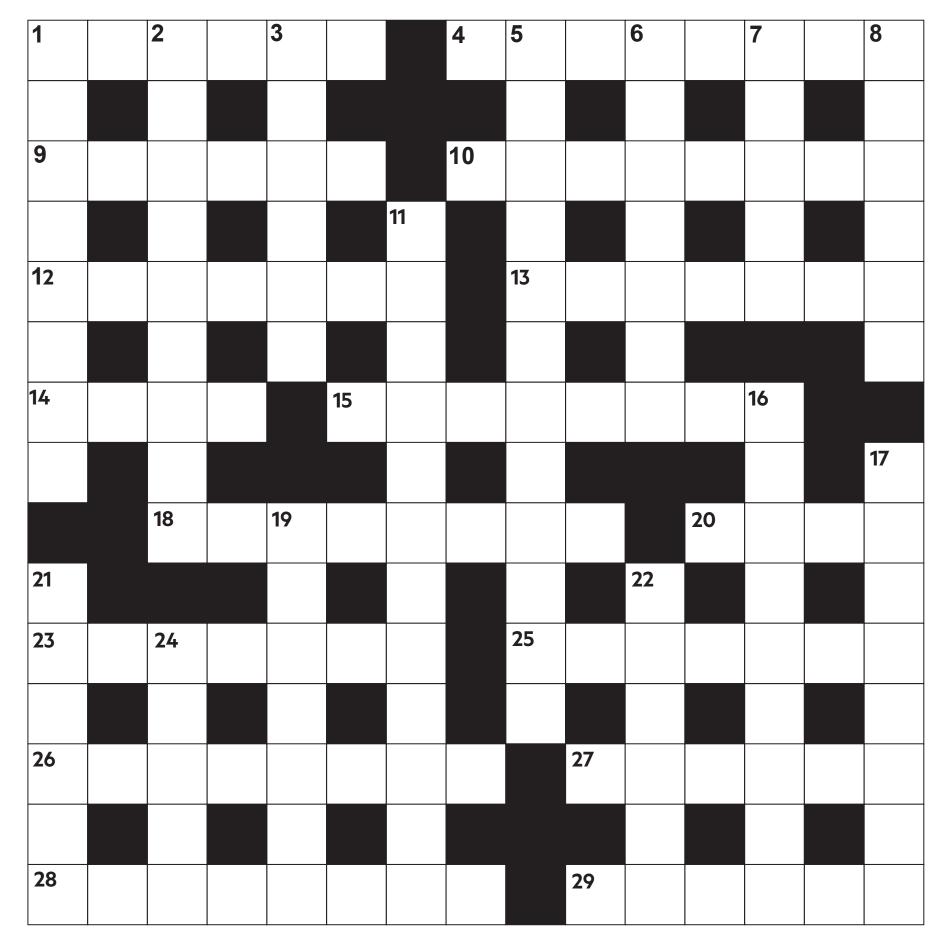
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic. Two of the Down answers relate to this puzzle's number and their clues do not contain definition parts.

ACROSS

- 1 Scant, paltry (6)
- **4** Arcane, obscure (8)
- **9** Three times (6)
- **10** One selling goods abroad (8)
- **12** Image (7)
- **13** Official garb (7)
- **14** Woodwind instrument (4)
- **15** Scholarly (8)
- 18 Alien (8)
- 20 Group of tents (4)
- **23** Take as given (7)
- **25** Brass instrument (7)
- **26** Not compulsory (8)
- **27** Inside information (3-3)
- **28** Centre of a target (5-3)
- **29** Doghouse (6)

Solution 599



DOWN

1 For the audience bumped into a quartet? That's a figure of speech (8)

2 Scrapped cars to take on debt that's awful (9)

3 Commotion from UK-US credit exchange (6)

5 Hidden hurts upset unkown number inside (3-9)

6 Power source with right current in mouth, perhaps (7)

7 Artist to get one in proportion(5)

8 Before getting foreign capital, check shiny stuff (6)

- **11** Texan gets scenery moving around (12)
- **16** Suppressive measure for Spooner's wet comedian (9)
- **17** Malicious files put about (8)
- **19** Loud, crude curse is heard (7)
- **21** Composure of revolutionary Labour MP ignoring old city (6)

22 Stone cup I'm shattering with energy (6)

24 Praise some of the next oligarchs (5)