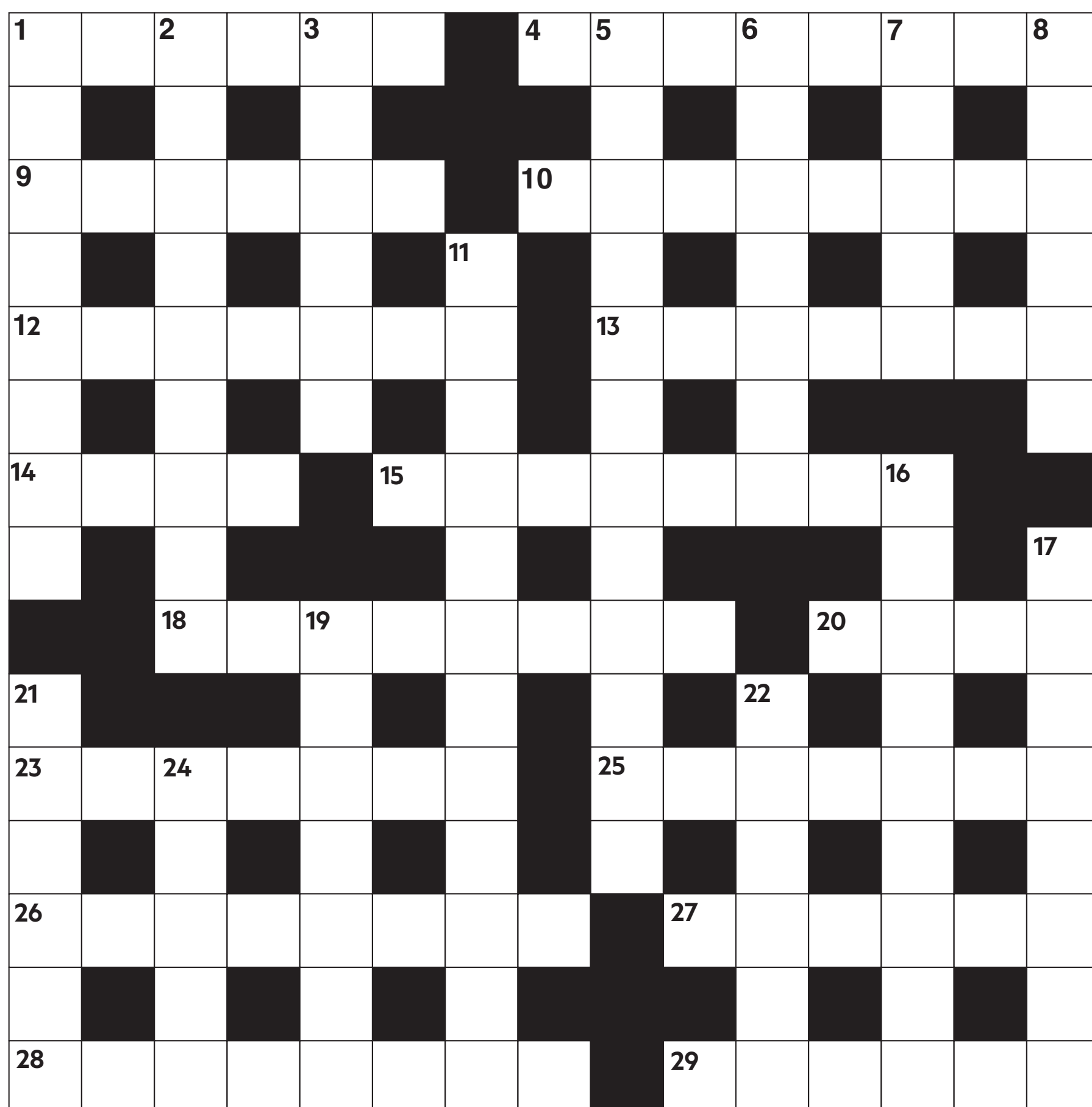


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Famished, ravenous (6)
- 4 Removal, clearance (8)
- 9 Defame, slander (6)
- 10 Handheld firework (8)
- 12 Cantonese, Szechuan, eg (7)
- 13 Tell off, reprimand (7)
- 14 Fall in small droplets (4)
- 15 Amorous (8)
- 18 Fated (8)
- 20 Candid, frank (4)
- 23 Queen of the fairies (7)
- 25 Messenger, dispatch rider (7)
- 26 Eating disorder (8)
- 27 Oriental temple (6)
- 28 Southeastern Irish city (8)
- 29 Mania, hysteria (6)

DOWN

- 1 One joins detectives involved in domestic crime (8)
- 2 Fill one up that is dead and rendered harmless (9)
- 3 Having a floor covering that's tough? (6)
- 5 Temporary nature of cinema with men upset about each (12)
- 6 Oil plant surrounded by smooth wall (7)
- 7 Oval goes wild after second volley (5)
- 8 Food store with fat about to be put up (6)
- 11 Note value of religious group (12)
- 16 Sign accord with red pen I replaced when deed's deleted (9)
- 17 Appeal for bridge opponents' peace deal (8)
- 19 Seeing that last pair in theatre is true (7)
- 21 Assault in the direction of sailing manoeuvre (6)
- 22 Help one with optimistic atmosphere (2, 4)
- 24 Time to turn nasty creature (5)

Solution 719

