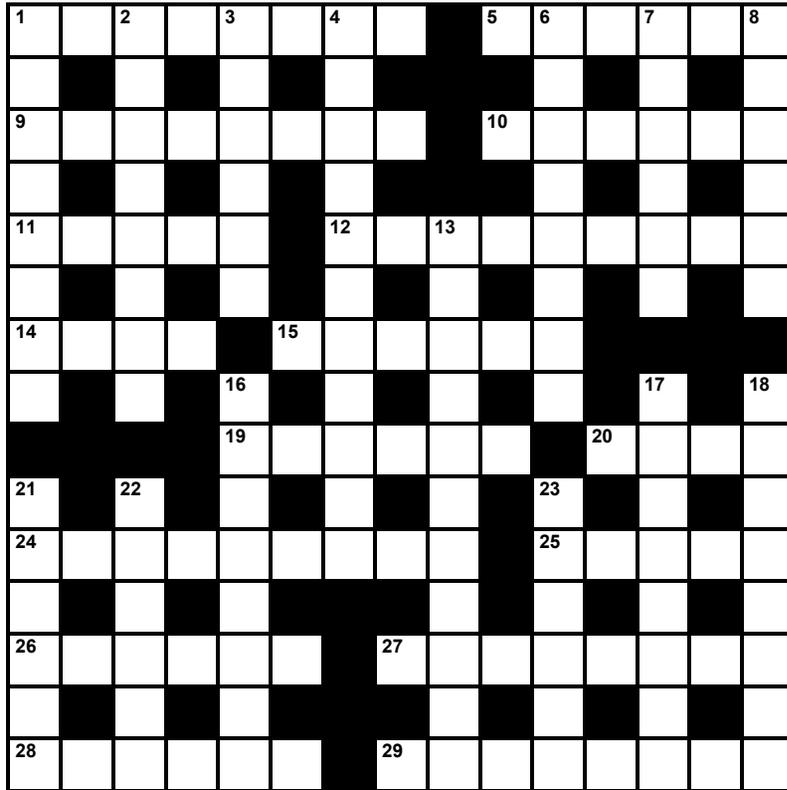


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Across

- 1 Underground experiment precedes what's needed in the lab (4,4)
- 5 Hotel welcomes policeman with a hot meal (6)
- 9 Sort of constant girl providing happy ending (8)
- 10 Figurative 23 getting no return on vehicles (6)
- 11 Man hugs soft tree (5)
- 12 Guarantee working for old city which sounds similar (9)
- 14 Pressure to replace nobleman's line coming from figurative 23 (4)
- 15 Chemist stocking drug for stars (6)

- 19 Magic potion for short golfer with 9-iron not working (6)
- 20/3 Drink expert brews teas during cold weather (4,6)
- 24 Newscaster having setback in race's final stage (6,3)
- 25 Regulator has grain covering empty furrow (5)
- 26 One in business follows sister to be a messenger (6)
- 27 Relaxed man eating awful bun to get browned off? (8)
- 28 Country rube gets the green light from 23 (6)
- 29 One sharing toys puts Winehouse back in the picture (8)

Down

- 1 Edge up to the heartless copper concealing small 5 (8)
- 2 Normal beginning for Spooner in leading role (4,4)
- 3 See 20 Across
- 4 23's cattle invoice (7,4)
- 6 Good order for head of cattle? (8)
- 7 Hospitalised European is bonkers (6)
- 8 Breton city's new workers have a point (6)
- 13 5 left shortly after subtitling went awry (7,4)

- 16 5 found hiding up in Sierra del Palomino region (8)
- 17 Reportedly employ revolting peasant, having arranged initially for 5 (8)
- 18 Mischievously tease the sensitive fellow (8)
- 21 Small dose of arrowroot in mixed drink will make you fat (6)
- 22 Third-rate police station said to be very pretty (6)
- 23 Builder taking dangerous short-cuts will scare child (6)