

Partners *by* Alchemi

Clues are normal, but ten of the answers (which are all ordinary dictionary words) have been substituted by their partners (which may not be), so the grid entry for a clue to MASON could be FORTNUM. Numbers in brackets give the length of the word clued.

Across

1 Underground creatures put off by more salt (4,4)

5 Frank's introduction in *My Way* is on fire! (6)

9 Father accompanied by nurse-companion has a kind of polish (6)

10 Setter invites Glasgow kiss; good - that should spice things up (6)

12 Experimenter on early signs of scrofula one to settle in her chair in hospital department (9)

13 Animal often chased by Krishna (4)

14 See 21

16 Despicable father catches traitors returning with empty lorry (9)

19 List of names has no entry for "Henlove" (7)

21/14 Cocktail party follows last Christmas present (8)

24 Ducks where pigs should be covered in black (5)

25 Eavesdropped on litigation taken to excess? (9)

27 Cook sounds like an ass on the telephone (6)

28 Efficient energy working in Morecambe, for instance (8)

29 For six-footer, avoiding death regularly is a strain (5)

30 Study you and I have announced in Belgium (8)

Down

1 Treat poorly girl who's swallowed uranium with ecstasy (6)

2 Very small fish cook (3)

3 Nurse having internal trouble with gas (5)

4 Desperate character taking note of churchman (4)

6 Second toy robot holds round piece of wood (4,2,3)

7 Officers turn up small

household god announcing himself as prosecutor (8)

8 Happiness solvers get after essential recreation a sort of excellent sight (5,3)

11 Halt leader of safari encountered going north (4)

15 For a start, Saint Pat is upset by nothing (9)

17 Weapon to go over the front of the boat (8)

18 Having managed to get trapped in bog, this person leaves without criticising (8)

20 Run over book's origin (4)

21 Document about decapitated songbird leaves an impression (5)

22 Hood to run out and discard (5)

23 Orders when party leader is holding court (6)

26 Link British with organised crime (7)

