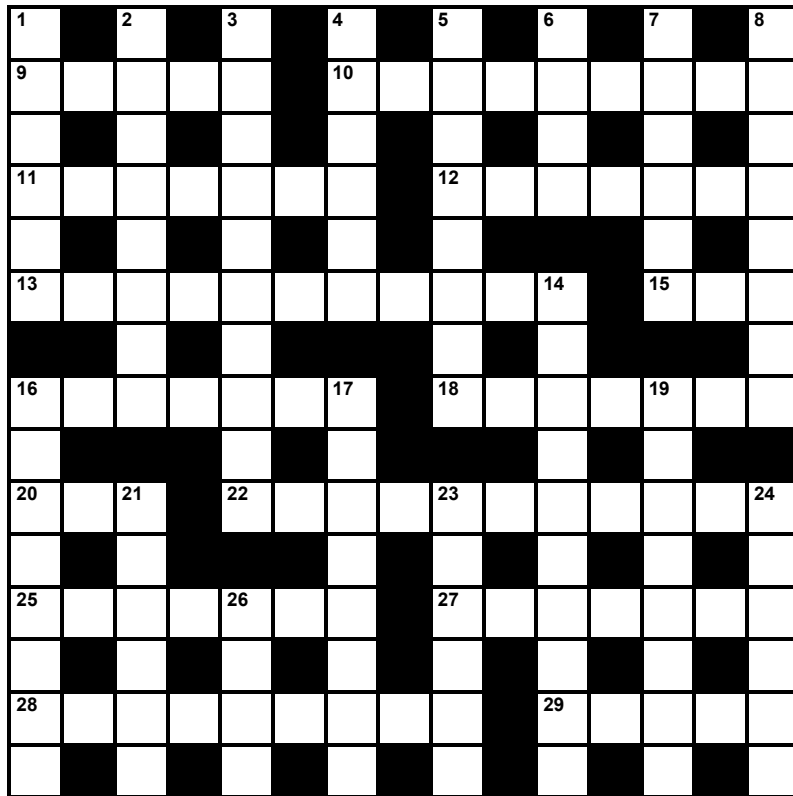


# Alchemi 177 *by Alchemi*

*Clues to the highest mountain in each of the seven continents lack definitions*



## Across

- 9** Painful condition of dreadful certainty (5)  
**10** Papers a hindrance after Stockport is cleared for a little running water (9)  
**11** Independent man in cold, dead atmosphere (7)  
**12** Old king seen in Starbucks, say, showing embarrassment (7)  
**13** Kilmarnock jail releases 100, then 1000, then gets demolished (11)  
**15** Singular ambassador is female (3)  
**16** What Susan Boyle, for instance, does about any heartless quotes (7)  
**18** English about to put on underwear (7)

- 20** Bulgarian capital's central boulevard (3)  
**22** Relaxing place for Italian agreement to races with popular horseman (7,4)  
**25** Genuine Australian model car hits princess (5-2)  
**27** Potentates take more than their fair share in newspapers? (7)  
**28** Tree precursor dropped right out about a month back (9)  
**29** This person's got a note about birthmarks (5)

## Down

- 1/6** Wordplay on Manx cat King John asks you about initially (6,4)  
**2** Host essential to welcome Italy and Holland (8)  
**3** What cannibals do embraced by heartless left-wingers as remedies (10)  
**4** Navy gives support to secure body behind (6)  
**5** Our people have a hand in keeping king in prison ruins (8)  
**6** See 1  
**7** Queen carrying a pound to America (6)  
**8** Most heartless ways to conceal one inside another (8)  
**14** Above the earth, it's

- been through the mill too often (10)  
**16** Selection of vegetables dreary front to back - I'm afraid it's all over (5,3)  
**17** Group can evacuate glorious locations (8)  
**19** Pronounced shockingly killed when European court resistance fell away (8)  
**21/24** Nice drinks - touching service provided (6,6)  
**23** Enthroned last beheaded religious hero within (6)  
**24** See 21  
**26** Evenly sliced, your cake is disgusting (4)