

Alchemi 207 *by* Alchemi

Across

1 Initially send kitchen stuff back to get ratings (5)

4 Learned setter half-heartedly dancing (sort of) with journalist (9)

9 Stock up on merlot, perhaps to drown beginning of dreadful song (4,2,3)

10 Full of whiskey, physician becomes more sarcastic (5)

11 Slag Sue off as a bottom-dweller (3,4)

12 Tree series stops halfway round the first acre (7)

13 Trouble at airport following second appearance of navy man (8)

15 Rescue worker lacking the energy to be a scholar (6)

18 French town's sausages not second-rate (6)

19 Forgets heartless relative when welcoming the Navy (8)

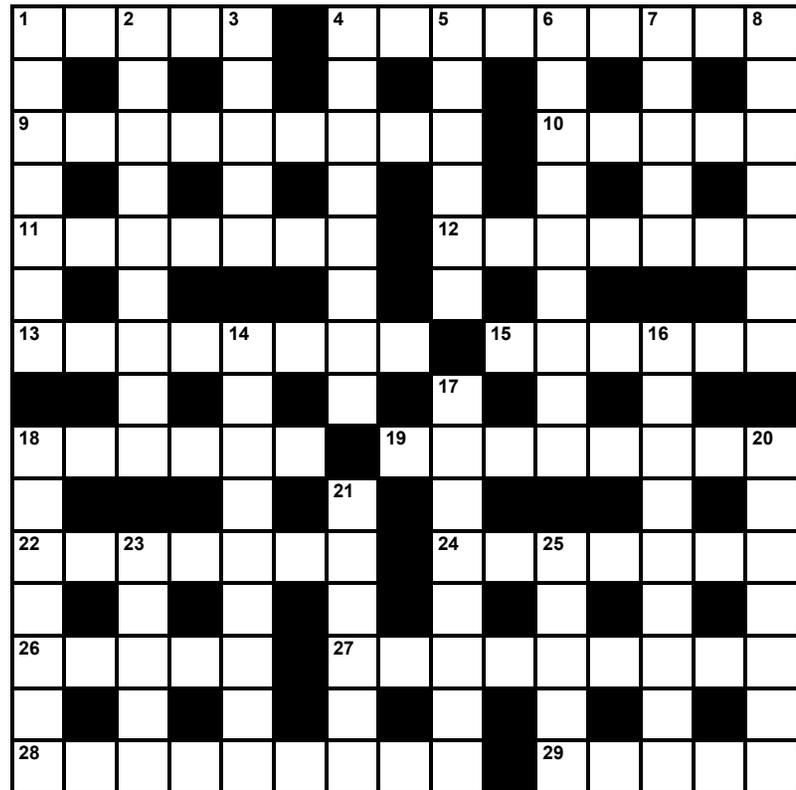
22 Artist getting married in the morning came back and started fighting (4,3)

24 Old writers note cost (7)

26 Discharge ambassador overwhelmed by drink (5)

27 Screw becoming impressed with cells without walls (9)

28 Bring back memories about the church suppressing short skirts (9)



29 Council's refusal to obstruct half of an Australian city (5)

Down

1 Interferes with diggers clearing out trenches (7)

2 Very tender popular song ends second attempt to select raffle winner (9)

3 Terrible food making Exeter area sick (5)

4 Flower equipment used by Spooner to make Lineker figurines? (8)

5 Indian leader quiet but fashionable (6)

6 Embarrassed over unfashionable part of Moscow (3,6)

7 29 doesn't finish without a demand one should refuse (3,2)

8 Torpid commissioner missing nothing central to auction (7)

14 Warn moose about boat people (9)

16 Hormone works are inland (9)

17 Postholder fifth to run off after conflicting directions (8)

18 Lover of old coinage in 10 (7)

20 A point to lose one's

temper over was contemptuous (7)

21 Blows up holy man, untainted when seen from below (6)

23 Fear foot will double in size - it's a nightmare (5)

25 Small support for sanctimonious queen Morgan? (5)