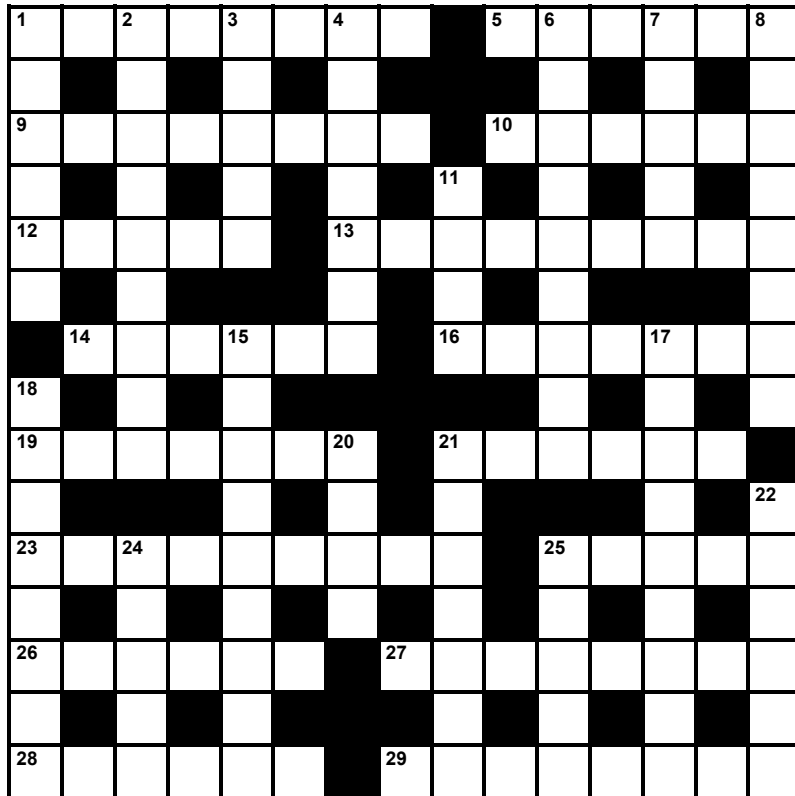


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Across

- 1 Stars the sort to interrupt trite song (5,3)
 5/24 Officer pets awkward 18 (6,5)
 9 Severely criticise meat consumed over the beginning of spring (8)
 10 Avoid energy limit in the Kent area (6)
 12 Shows disapproval of temperature increase (5)
 13 Something in range to the west to fix location (9)
 14 Superior books in child's reward (6)
 16 Scottish politician ignores model operator (7)
 19 It's dreadful to have cooked lamb, say (7)
 21 Irrational supreme commander rejected eating in the field (6)
 23 Squad leader gets covered in pillow filling and drops out of sight (5,4)
 25 Note about women needing both hands to pirouette (5)
 26 3,500-year-old city that's reflected in Cologne? (6)
 27 Backing additional dislike for radical (8)
 28 Anger about pressure on President causing a small disturbance (6)
 29 Singular pants which don't open cause sardonic laughs (8)

Down

- 1 Country to purchase endless drink (6)
 2 Water science record only I'm confused about (9)
 3 Beer ingredient still contaminated with arsenic (5)
 4 Report on dead spy found mutilated under car (7)
 6 Is Corbett worried about caring for Mother? (9)
 7 Learner overwhelmed by artificial bit of snow (5)
 8 Letting off steam online about horse trials (8)
 11 Beginning to send stuff up to reach planet (4)
 15 Idiot administers lidocaine to Kelvin before getting fully stripped (9)
 17 Scrub *Gone in 60 Seconds*? Quite the opposite after finishing remake (9)
 18 Treat Manx cat with brandy snaps (like many other items here) (5,3)
 20 Pound that's charged for a cat (4)
 21 Writer getting 14 shillings for emperor? (7)
 22 Young swimmers which hunt Santa's assistants? (6)
 24 See 5 Across
 25 Subject headings for talk on policing incite controversy (5)