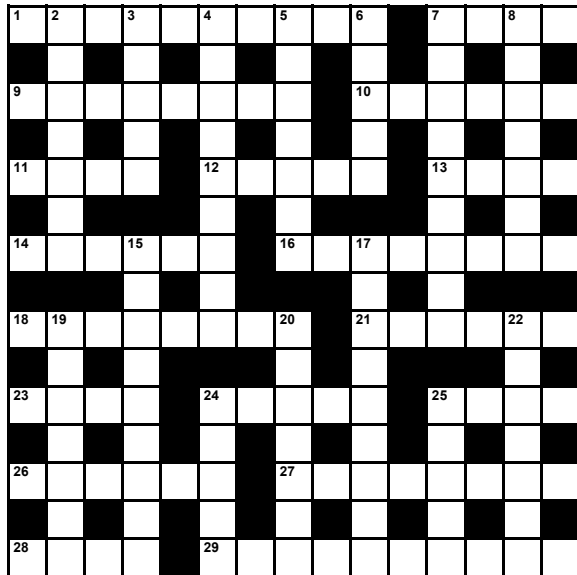


Two for Three by Alchemi

Twelve across clues, which mostly lack definitions, lead to the first two of a trio usually known as a, b and c, the grid entry being the third - so clues leading to PETER PAUL or RED WHITE would be answered by MARY and BLUE respectively



Across

- 1 Look after French spy injured a short time before YouTube sensation (6,5 & 10)
- 7 Uneducated people starting at university (2,2 & 4)
- 9 Salt in tree top (8)
- 10 Laymen outraged by *Viz* (6)
- 11 Restore your old, garbled tale (within reason) (7,7 & 4)
- 12 Good morning drug initially stimulates erudite thinking (4,3 & 5)
- 13 100 flowers mostly from small gardens (6,6 & 4)
- 14 Went away to fix hot temperature (4,5 & 6)
- 16 Small animal old marines come in to put out (8)
- 18 Night flyers carrying ordnance for old woolly animals (8)
- 21 Space queen has a child found in cornflakes
- 23 Man bills Chinese detective (5,5 & 4)
- 24 Refusal to cross road and rub this out (5,7 & 5)
- 25 An end of a week when this person abandons second exam attempt (4,4 & 4)
- 26 Old man needing money and a thin coat (6)
- 27 Depression set in towards the beginning, not starting with great enthusiasm (8)
- 28 Arab leader heard baby's toy (5,6 & 4)
- 29 Woman's number the last (4,5 & 10)

Down

- 2 Opening in case encrusted with gold and diamonds (7)
- 3 Say idiot could turn over a touch (5)
- 4 10 common mistakes? Don't bother asking me! (2,7)
- 5 Some cadet relaxes upside-down having consciousness raised (7)
- 6 Regularly allying with the church to dispense summary justice (5)
- 7 Doom all-in wrestling to get masseurs' emollient (6,3)
- 8 In the end, English scientist starts to replace the first books of charts (7)
- 15 Tiny chap I later upset in cycling event (4,5)
- 17 About to install dean in cathedral, so they say (9)
- 19 Lager essential with pudding in the distant past (4,3)
- 20 City in northwestern US article talked about (7)
- 22 It will smooth the path for poison brought up by the French resistance (7)
- 24 Odds on top card being blank? (5)
- 25 Sock joke goes over the heads of children and housemaid (5)