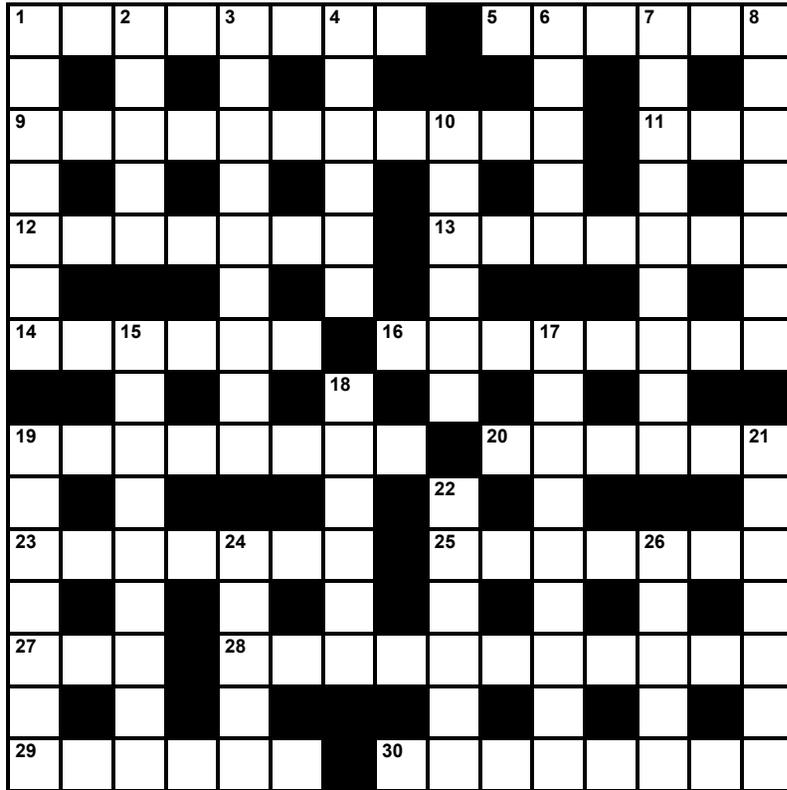


# Alchemi 269 by Alchemi



**Across**

- 1 Seven-figure sum in South American capital returned by hero (1,7)
- 5 Shining height on sailing vessel (6)
- 9 West End theatre's *A Married Woman* in deep trouble? Quite the opposite! (11)
- 11 Coffee houses in poor taste (3)
- 12 Cat escorting the navy home before lunch (7)
- 13 Teletubby coming across as third-rate in opera house (2,5)
- 14 Loud or worried sadness (6)
- 16 On reflection, some bully fit art student to make class distinctions (8)
- 19 He maybe deviously blags one (5,3)
- 20 Is able, with difficulty, to descend (6)
- 23 Roman Catholic hierarch finally coming in as a foot is set on fire (7)
- 25 Visual reaction set in stone (7)
- 27 9 regularly after independent place to stay (3)
- 28 Maniac not as disturbed in Californian resort (5,6)
- 29 Repeats church is backing gardens (6)

30 Angrily put pressure in tyre (5-3)

**Down**

- 1 Scared centre-half with weapons (7)
- 2 Once shut in, this person's succeeding at high jump? (5)
- 3 Famous dog carries what's essential to study weariness (9)
- 4 Algerian city, say, brought up fruit (6)
- 6 Artist's power with special files (5)
- 7 Shatter bell as I go to expand internationally (9)
- 8 Fight some American artist (7)
- 10 Old piece of scenery second to decay recently (2,4)
- 15 Travelling by rail, books hotel in difficult place to navigate round (9)
- 17 Kind sailor turns up after a large southern bird (9)
- 18 It's standard to put on what? (6)
- 19 Radical to test chess piece for Spooner (7)
- 21 Unknown bouncer coming up after oddly loud song (7)
- 22 Bombast in character (3,3)
- 24 Some Comanches sequester land in Germany (5)
- 26 Primate's companion one likely to cause trouble (5)