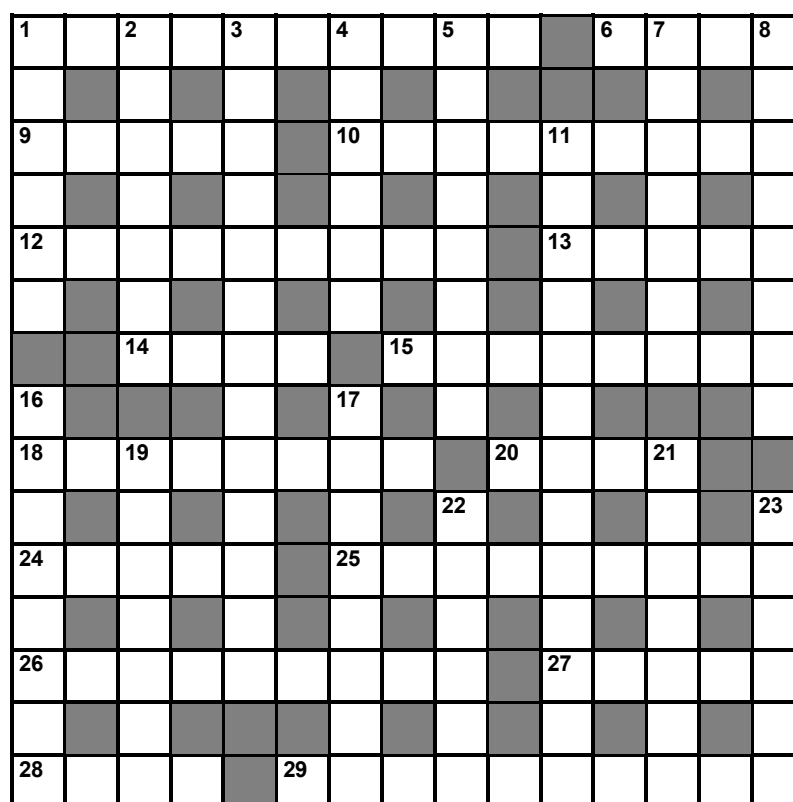


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ACROSS

- 1 Publication is first to truly appraise judge (10)
- 6 Staff pale and sickly died (4)
- 9 Departure date changed by hospital (5)
- 10 Youth speaks about schoolboy lawyer in the US (5,4)
- 12 Newspaper edition ignoring a public figure who is not retiring (9)
- 13 Hard structure to attack with bullets (5)
- 14 Drive hard down last bit of steep slope (4)
- 15 Thief's offsider corrupted cronies connected with courts of law? (8)
- 18 Exotic introduction to odes and poetry, for instance (8)
- 20 Worn-out writer, perhaps, backed objections (4)
- 24 Ladies, say, trimmed transparent fabric (5)
- 25 Distributor accepting stockholder's steel, for instance? (9)
- 26 Drain containing mesh adjoining a jointly owned property (9)
- 27 Ring to change egg supplier (5)
- 28 I have pulled out of non-violent sanction (4)
- 29 Take another look at equestrian going around scattered cones (10)

DOWN

- 1 Slow up to pick up small person (6)
- 2 Words from screaming oaf terrified dog (2,5)
- 3 Teachers rearranged the classrooms (13)
- 4 River guide is one in a hurry (6)
- 5 Interrupted service fixed up on the broadcast fund raiser (8)
- 7 Biopic of a composer produced in a foreign country (7)
- 8 Shift clasp badly wedged in sink (8)
- 11 Busybody highly strung about consumer products (13)
- 16 Fine favourites extremely upset with pace (8)
- 17 A union's leader in Senate stirred up revolt (8)
- 19 Puzzling problems developed in games (7)
- 21 Plaster and adhesive originally included in tender (7)
- 22 Watch boat docked at summerhouse (6)
- 23 Petition got yanked away from drunken partygoer (6)