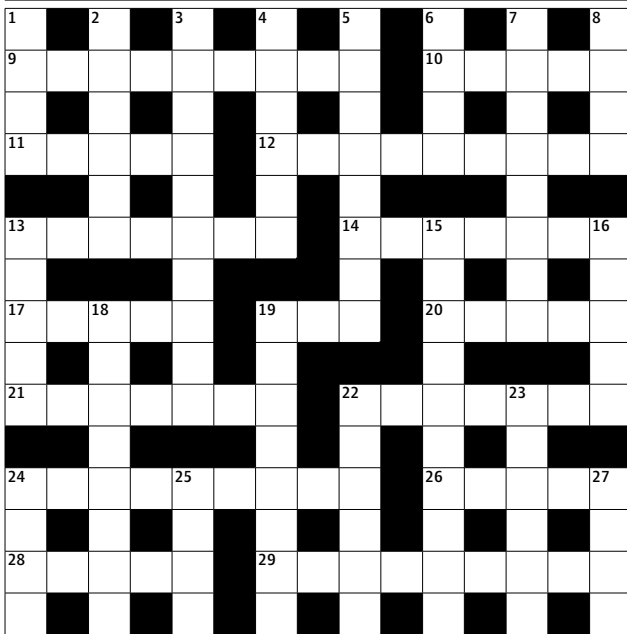


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Nine clues contain no definition; their solutions have a connection.

Across

- 9 Expression of delight in art deco wrought figures (9)
- 10 Regimental man taking centre from smoking jacket (5)
- 11 Garland: love casual look (5)
- 12 Two-tongued iguana bats, no tail, having divided beak (9)
- 13 Be splattered with micro material (7)
- 14 About to invade a controversial composer's area (7)
- 17 Sailors trapped in overturned vessel (5)
- 19 Western American hacker (3)
- 20 Underwear and skimpy dress (just the top) (5)
- 21 Ives composed in the care of a doctor (consultant) (7)
- 22 Mobile plant that installs repetitive tune in the instruments' data openings (7)
- 24 Lecture, as certain Scottish banks do (4,5)
- 26 Shakespeare's fat? Awful cheek! (5)
- 28 Getting rid of sun's solar gels (5)
- 29 Plant making goat cheese initially on a high? (9)

Down

- 1 Conditional version of will is heard (4)
- 2 Wall covering reduces rising carbon monoxide (6)

- 3 Result of clot grinding ribs smooth (10)
- 4 Lie-abled heartlessly disturbed should go down OK (6)
- 5 Duty keeps one in blue moving pictures (8)
- 6,16 Sporting event stopped being without fixed limits (4-5)
- 7 Fuss when bishop mounts our makeshift, unobtrusive barrier (8)
- 8 Chasing women, nobody excluded! (4)
- 13 Horse artist's a hooded killer (5)
- 15 Crack in brick tile construction over river (3-7)
- 16 See 6
- 18 They hate getting iffy silver after gutless contest (8)
- 19 Clothes store with a border around (8)
- 22 Thanks to rap, one's "tropical paradise"? (6)
- 23 Father charms (but not workers) (6)
- 24 Hard and evil (4)
- 25 Cable once put under floor (4)
- 27 Parking in garden (4)

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