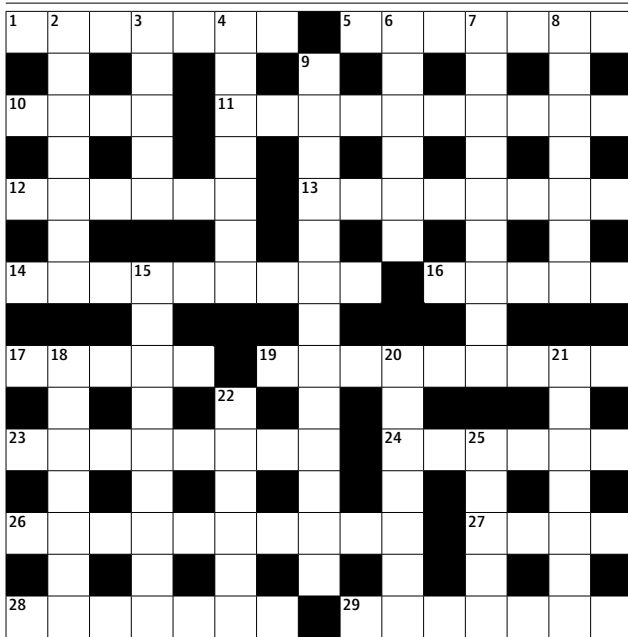


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Across

- 1** Gore visible in explosion to give added weight (7)
5 Book not telling you what's what? (4,3)
10 27 23's prop (4)
11 Note to drop back, discovering flammable substance (7,3)
12 Fruit that's red in story (6)
13 Roman nation's not finished with runner (8)
14 27 23 with sailor and soldier in love (9)
16 27 23's gem (5)
17 27 23, top artist (5)
19 27 23 has problem getting raise (9)
23 See 27
24 Farmer taking solvers to the country (6)
26 27 23, great mind capturing extremes in scene (10)
27,23 Minister behind princess behind mist for 13, perhaps (4,8)
28 Most fastidious to put away in home (7)
29 27 23 made a splash with Italy (7)

Down

- 2** Brave home has 'er housed in a rocky compound (7)

- 3** 27 23 put to death without trial (5)
4 27 23 posted around the Web (7)
6 A king in conduct is a king (6)
7 Irritable client distraught about closure of trade, underlining price at the start (9)
8 Try to know and listen (7)
9 It's set up to make daily notes for paid magistrates (13)
15 Bond, spy carrying on with English maiden (9)
18 Silly, like one square (7)
20 Capital letters 11 and 14, say (7)
21 27 23 upping record during series (7)
22 Old police sergeant's initial lack of activity (6)
25 Refuse old king over royal posterior (5)

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