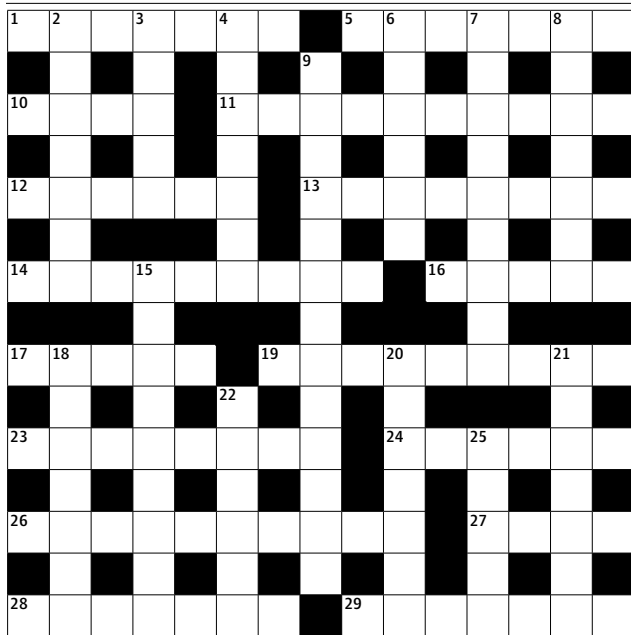


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Across

- 1 Witty saying has some point with animals (7)
- 5 Enigmatic, keen and in charge, set about exercising (7)
- 10 Stake for backing a mount (4)
- 11 Put up defence and tie game (10)
- 12 Fashionable school for cricket, say? (6)
- 13 It's discharged in battle during action (8)
- 14 Instructing or admonishing (9)
- 16 Edits a translation that is in Latin (2,3)
- 17 Music of the Depression? (5)
- 19 Void contest? (5,4)
- 23 Saw baton wielded in Africa (8)
- 24 Display by top-class band (6)
- 26 How people may call us in explosive competition (10)

Down

- 2 Last character leaves Cornish town in humiliation (7)
- 3 Look back in Middle Ages for capital savers (5)
- 4 His is a searching examination, by all accounts (7)
- 6 Brush off and polish again (6)
- 7 Dine with Ralph, prepared to flirt (9)
- 8 The way in which a French painter finally got the point (7)
- 9 Espy an admirer, perhaps the answer to this? (7,6)
- 15 Bound to be in step – and rated highly (9)
- 18 Cave used as an observation post (4,3)
- 20 Pipe of pipes (7)
- 21 Voting against, told to go and vote for (7)
- 22 Wild herb found around Virginia (6)
- 25 Being sorry, one called out (5)

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