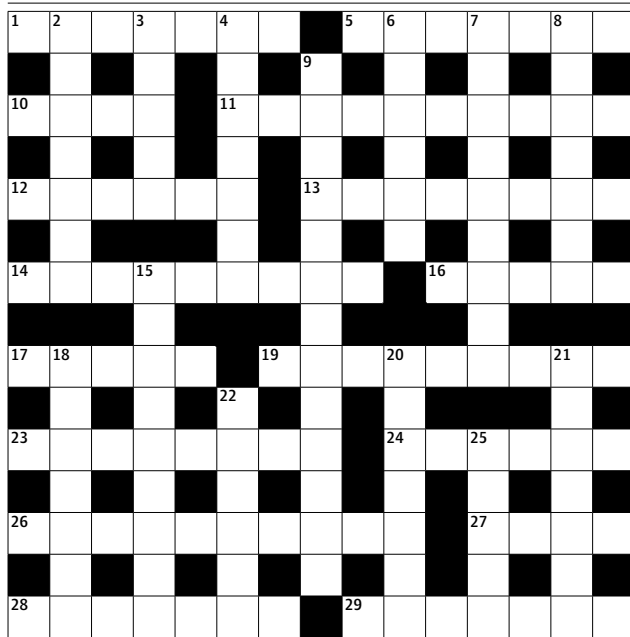


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Six solutions are undefined in their clues. Five lie within the bounds of the sixth.

Across

- 1 Written passages bringing doctrine into middle of lesson (7)
- 5,24 A number of chessmen (7,6)
- 10,29 Silly clown, he gets into mess (4,7)
- 11 Small mammals hide in the ground (10)
- 12 Ring turning out vulgar and cheap (6)
- 13 Mammal from Simon's territory, so we've heard (8)
- 14 Yankees in muddle following economist (9)
- 16 Prophet returning to power (5)
- 17 Street containing little that's appealing (5)
- 19 What 'arbour did for female sailor, being more senior (9)
- 23 English institute attracting a German physicist (8)
- 24 See 5
- 26 Retail outlets to rent across eg Reading? (10)
- 27 A source of inspiration (4)
- 28 Upper-class Bond actress not the first to strip (7)
- 29 See 10

Down

- 2 Designer's work parish priest goes around in? The opposite! (7)

- 3 Locate the lady – cherchez la femme! (5)
- 4 Turns one's back on certain clues? Is stuck (7)
- 6 Where hospital visitors may be private? (6)
- 7 Dances getting a prohibition in hard times (9)
- 8 Replace damaged fabric (7)
- 9 Bodily chemical for male comin' down to earth (13)
- 15 Physicist is deferential, tedious fellow to listen to (5,4)
- 18 Access said to be such a necessity before a fight (5-2)
- 20 Discharge direct from island (7)
- 21 Priest not totally in charge is at forefront of religion (7)
- 22 Count blames soldiers doing a bunk (6)
- 25 Bit of a bloomer could be construed as "lapse" (5)

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