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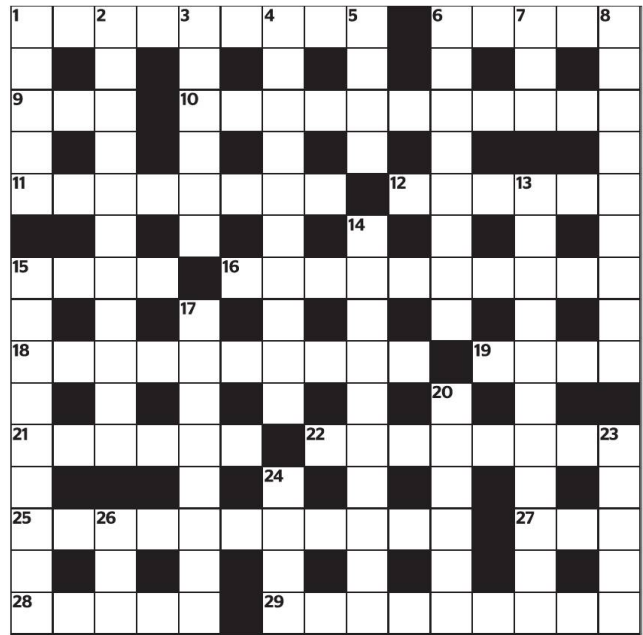
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Retraction avoids law wrangle (9)
- 6 Leave cocktailing half-done (5)
- 9 Retreat ends in disgrace for naval leader (3)
- 10 Dreadful liver saga linked to taps delivering whisky (6,5)
- 11 Supported seeing the future as doubly old? (8)
- 12 Cultivated disease within growth area (6)
- 15 Chanel's mirror enterprise (4)
- 16 Roth slammed Winton novel as forced? (6,4)
- 18 Trouble follows a heartless lie by lover (10)
- 19 Boxer, thumped on face, came down to earth (4)
- 21 Wage war on book (6)
- 22 Get new bases wiped for mere hereditary source? (4,4)
- 25 Machiavellian maths (11)
- 27 See 5-down
- 28 Peg to succeed offending? (5)
- 29 Female all but staggered to describe pen-stroke (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Duck dunking wings in dock works (5)
- 2 Given the sack to do this? (4,7)
- 3 Nature abhors this sucker (6)
- 4 Spooner's conservative boozier protected species (5,5)
- 5, 27-across It takes off Shakespearean black (4,3)
- 6 Uni in Paris, or another Euro city, blocking separate vacation (8)
- 7 Semi-arrange (3)
- 8 Manoeuvre reduced tailor-made lumbering (9)
- 13 Rum-soaked sign on Holden wheel, baby (6,2,3)
- 14 Censor to yield to desire, perhaps, pinching model's bottom (10)
- 15 Joined firm for beers - cold, I shrugged? (9)
- 17 Opener gets buzz with offside shot (4,4)
- 20 Considers soundtracks? (6)
- 23 Meal at ten includes coffee (5)
- 24 Daggy foxtrot has cooler backflip (4)
- 26 Despicable blue (3)



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