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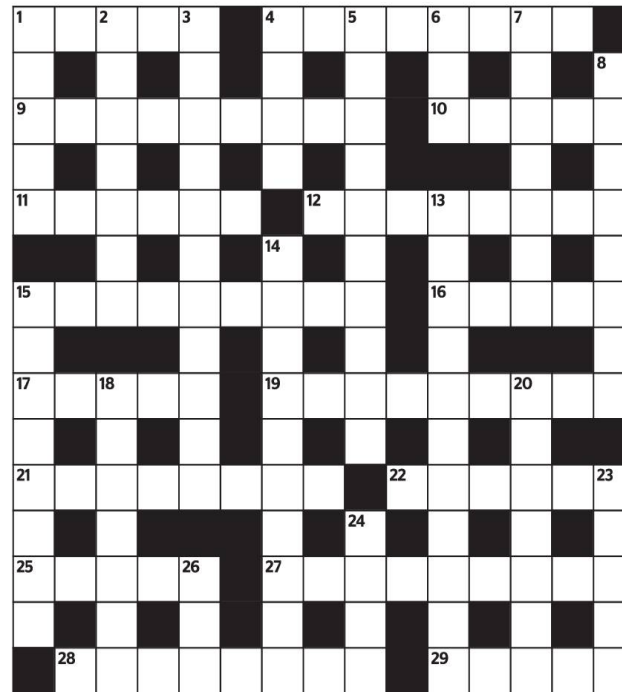
**ACROSS**

- 1 Slow speech to induce languor from the outset (5)
- 4 Saying colonial bandit had billions put in storage (8)
- 9 This month welcomes shade - precious shade? (4,5)
- 10 Storyteller (one of two) sounds... (5)
- 11 ...bleak, considerably if Brexit occurs (6)
- 12, 15-across Hurry up group routine, fully sick! (4,4,6,3)
- 15 See 12-across
- 16 Suggest 6-down (3,2)
- 17 He directed Riveria banks surpassing restriction (5)
- 19 Abundant steel upon plastic (9)
- 21 Stabs horse person with treacherous tips (8)
- 22 Open unit's filling Hobart vacancy (6)
- 25 Adulteress beheaded part of pistil (5)
- 27 Short black mammal retreated on getting stir crazy (9)
- 28 Launch clip above it all? Swell! (5-3)
- 29 Shell rival for ages, concealing strikes (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Work couples blacking out in karate schools? (5)
- 2 Stomach's upset - bad sign (7)
- 3 Cunning Australian actor in audition made in discord (11)
- 4 Champagne produces immodesty at intervals (4)
- 5 Madly get into duel: nicking bottom, stammering (6-4)
- 6 Needle defect (3)
- 7 Explained amateur reservation on radio (4,3)
- 8 Value placed in appeal, contrarily in retirement (8)
- 13 Lo-cal booze said to taper... (5,6)
- 14, 18-down ...better in a royal pub exchange - not so beneficial an exchange? (3,5,2,3,4)
- 15 Deal with volume on social media site (8)
- 18 See 14-down
- 20 Far from secret vote admitting a strain (7)
- 23 Spike broth or Nutella sandwiches (5)
- 24 You wish a riddle finished a little earlier (2,2)
- 26 OK prog rockers (3)

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