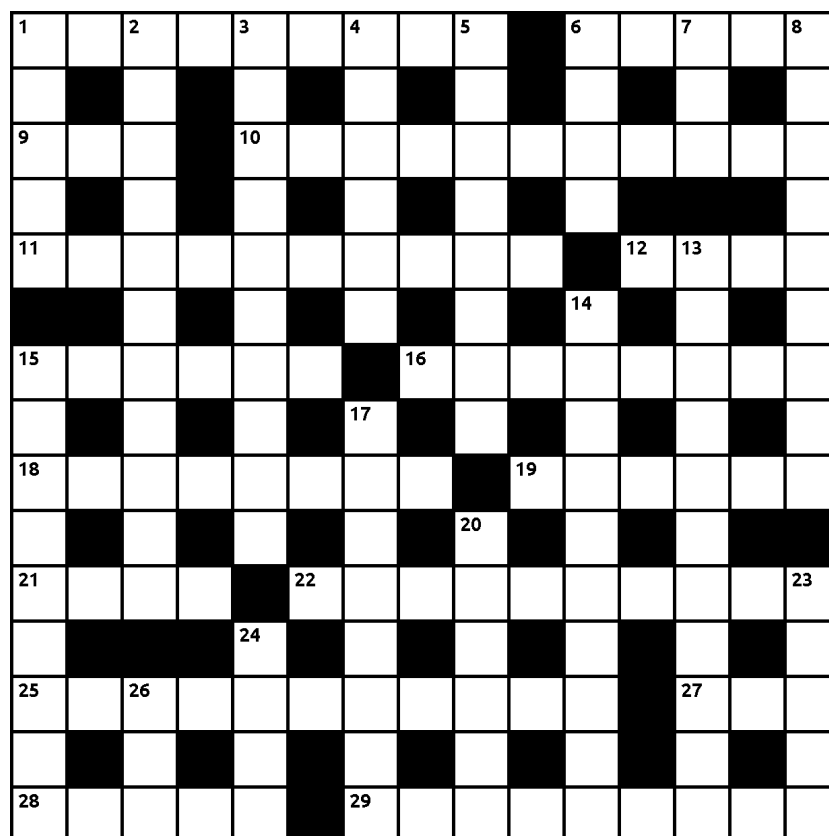


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Cryptic crossword #15

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ACROSS

- 1 Spotty and worn pale tutus (9)
- 6 Emotionally rich, essentially!?! (5)
- 9 Drawstring? (3)
- 10 Briefs designer in lace and ink blend to secure Louis Vuitton openings (6,5)
- 11 Department store packs it, then I ship haphazardly (3-3-4)
- 12 The lady describes love as a con? (4)
- 15 One of the ancient Greek 25-across swimming Acheron without energy (6)
- 16 Businesses working with journalist protected from harm (8)
- 18 Ring bearer's digits to be inspected before agreeing to intercourse? (6,2)
- 19 Worried, but tied the knot after short walk (6)
- 21 Coarse-edged tools used by crew (4)
- 22 *American Chopper* interrupts family member's tranquillity (10)
- 25 Mountebank initially paces about to take in livestock judges (11)
- 27 Kill for diamonds (3)
- 28 Fashionable fit tailored in New York (5)
- 29 Gyllenhaal, say, inscribes *Zodiac* collection (9)

DOWN

- 1 Speed of light installation for *Orbit* software update (5)
- 2 Striking odds before a clear cut redistribution (11)
- 3 Outright crud seen on broadcast! (10)
- 4 Acerbic presenter leading Oscars media broadcast starts to show nerve (6)
- 5 No one turned up to support Annabelle's latest fluff issue (8)
- 6 Hollywood location gets grand conclusion to *Jane Eyre* perhaps (4)
- 7 Romania's capital receives virtual confirmation as traditional home of pastrami (3)
- 8 Grappled with firm nurse in Flanders (9)
- 13 Chinese dynasty constructed twin grid in dying art form? (11)
- 14 Class to use revision, but they inevitably fail (4,6)
- 15 15-across's broadcast leading fellow perhaps? (9)
- 17 Pieces of spleen in fields (8)
- 20 Bloke to take up painting as meditation aid (6)
- 23 Requires indication of maiden name on case of documents (5)
- 24 Inspecting something, player yells initials! (1-3)
- 26 Figure's elements loop! (3)