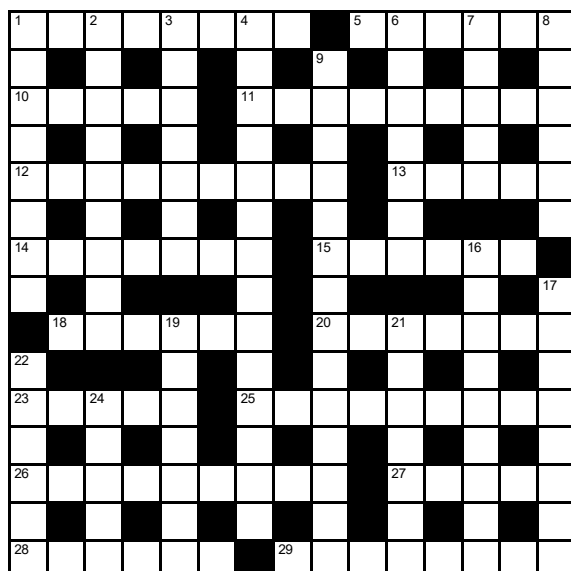


Faulty Keyboard 2

Alchemi's keyboard wasn't working properly again when filling the grid, so he just stuffed the words in without a particular letter. The clues are normal, but the answers must be entered leaving out all occurrences of the letter; if the letter were D like last time, IODIDE would be entered as IOIE and DREAM as REAM. (In other words, if the grid entry is a real word, it's a coincidence.) After completing the grid, count the number of letters omitted and put it in the box provided.



Across

- 1 Vessel containing odd bits of Wilde or the symbol of a 60s city gent (two words)
 5 Someone looking for small organ getting expensive in France
 10 Dog leaves research centre for prayer house
 11 Sticklers for procedure slowing down celebs in America
 12 Naval vessel's flexible rear is correct (two words)
 13 Make unreliable car to conserve energy
 14 Salesman probably in bed writing back
 15 Forecast spin order
- 18 Go past hiding sin at golf course
 20 Arranged to block local story
 23 Hearing a rule put on trial
 25 Purloined sailors, Turkey did
 26 See author puzzled by Jack's yucca palm (two words)
 27 Bit back at a fur-hunter
 28 Resists troublesome nuns
 29 Concerning sodium smell rising again
- clue or two wrong (hyphenated)
 3 Airline say why said couple cross Thailand (two words)
 4 Praise Cary Grant for collecting birds (three words)
 6 Succeeded putting English Premier League account into debt?
 7 Price near halved for one sharing the bill (hyphenated)
 8 Deletions outside certain times
 9 Singer needing submachine gun to go round rescuing pets in trouble (two words)
- 16 Church rector comes first, then that woman's man
 17 A number of French are still extremely gentle
 19 Burton loses weight in vain for Arabic dress
 21 Working post-RADA, they make connections
 22 Janet and Michael Jackson are originally given empty rooms and glass containers
 24 Cleans sirens out

Down

- 1 Gauges capital they regularly put into drinking establishments
 2 Picture solver finishing with a