



**Across**

- 1 Whiteman, at first, and Mingus played such (5,5)
- 7 Parrot exercises, essentially (4)
- 9 Her husband fake, mean one stays indoors (8)
- 10 Miss Robinson's original character is artful one (6)
- 11 Hay fever symptoms result when grasses lose outer part of stamen (6)
- 12 Surrounded by green? On the contrary (2,3,3)
- 13 In short, is Spanish name for woman (6)
- 14 Negative reflection placed to include confusing flip on axis (4-4)

- 17 A duke or knight, queen has these decorated (8)
- 20 Pack for Sydney (6)
- 22 School followed by a musical German (8)
- 25 Attempting to pick up fluid, I try clumsily (6)
- 26 A lubricant applied backwards, to produce smoothness (6)
- 27 After hours, talking to stop and pub to close (8)
- 28 Area, one between capitals of Seoul and Ankara (4)
- 29 Tip cut short in hair style (10)

**Down**

- 2/18 With Dolly Varden, as plot gets more complex, editor enters with emphatic

- demand (4,3,7)
- 3 To be close, or be in hug tight (9)
- 4 Mosh furiously to bit of music, rating hard rock highly (4,5)
- 5 More than one top fits when taking in millimetres (7)
- 6 Intern detective imprisoning lawyer in fixup (5)
- 7 Boy of 18 behaving poorly around little girl (5)
- 8/21 When following it was opening to book - of crossword highlights, perhaps? (3,4,2,5)
- 15 Staffs place to replace chief with first of lieutenants coming in closer (9)
- 16 According to spies, can continue (7,2)

- 18 See 2
- 19 Unexpectedly score zero having taken header to goal - is a close one (7)
- 21 See 8
- 23 City surrounding Himalayan peak, being occupied (5)
- 24 Perhaps Christmas present initially given by party organiser (5)