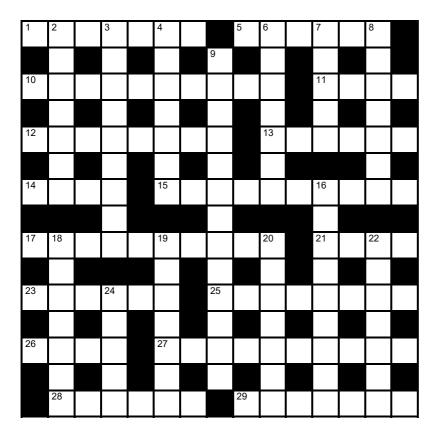
Rookie Corner - 215 by Wire



Across

- 1 Fabulous bird photos catch chicken circling duck (7)
- 5 See 18 Down
- 10 Male Irish singer returned having pulled, sporting a low hairline (10)
- 11 'I hear you are back in for gin?' (4)
- 12 Old King Samuel ran amok across North East (8)
- 13 Improve opinion of umpire, regularly at Edgbaston's opener (6)
- 14 Woman in the drug business (4)
- 15 Low level of speed (have fixes during interval) (6,4)
- 17 Arrived cradling small amphibian; to

- hospital...could be sinister (4-6)
- 21 Hoover is one to finally interrogate lady of distinction (4)
- 23 They provide support when walking around the county (6)
- 25 Cool army jacket conceals space primarily for 'medicinal' canteen (3,5)
- 26 Subdue Liberal's habit (4)
- 27 Set a clue about blokes in charge of the Christian church (10)
- 28 Went on and on in flagrante delicto
 (6)
- **29** See 7 Down

Down

- 2 Marksmen's leader split off to find owls, perhaps (7)
- 3 Part divided by operation? Bolt together to become one (9)
- 4 Old drains reconstructed that's progress (7)
- 6 He had a bird on his arm in bar north of City (3,4)
- 7/29 Distressed Rosa reemerges sapped of energy, getting 'password incorrect'? (5,7)
 - 8 Nerve starts to show conductance, indicated by a twitch (7)
 - 9 Request place inside, being circled by one

- flogging tickets for a song (5,3,5)
- 16 Reportedly go door-to-door selling glasses and kitchen containers (5,4)
- **18/5** Health advice from politicians after refreshing year out (3,4,6)
- 19 Plain beret suavely covers when receding (7)
- 20 Run down piano is in key (7)
- 22 Dupe Ollie's funny friend into having an American car (7)
- 24 Loud man with Tesla...he has conviction (5)