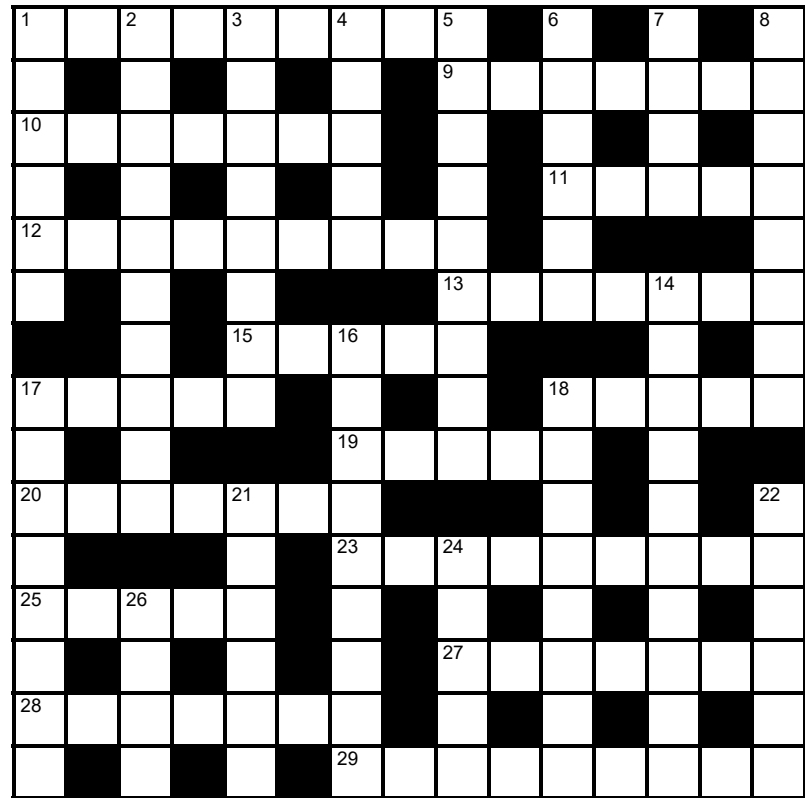


Rookie Corner 609

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Across

- 1 Get aerated when coffee's delayed? (9)
- 9 Mercy - hesitant after couple of pints (7)
- 10 Housing before The Beatles? (7)
- 11 Frugal trim for fabric mesh (5)
- 12 Bumpy 3-D presentation is rubbish? Fire me, pal (6,3)
- 13 Cats, for example, hit back - pinning us, and in control (7)
- 15 A sound remedy (5)
- 17 Yell about nothing, nationalist friend (5)
- 18 Leftist is after software to replace humans, it's been said (5)
- 19 Angry due to the wretched increase (3,2)
- 20 Aggravating bad risk? Next to nothing with me (7)
- 23 Forces complain near highways (9)
- 25 Welsh an alternative way is terrible (5)
- 27 Student, starter on the payroll (7)
- 28 Refined fellow, slippery one (7)
- 29 Trick rural author? Rash! (9)



Down

- 1 Celebs surround royal, poisonous crawlers (6)
- 2 Phlebotomy, perhaps, made from stitches? (10)
- 3 Probably bad, I read, supported by talk (1,4,3)
- 4 A lot backing home of drink (5)
- 5 English bon-mot goes above workers with a ton of gear (9)
- 6 The people held in church (6)
- 7 A big shot when vermin retreat (4)
- 8 Fell apart around strong drink, ran (8)
- 14 Shoemaker uses rope with confused new air (10)
- 16 More beer, partner? (5,4)
- 17 Sportsmen's women hold up punch for chat sessions (8)
- 18 Move towards computerised fish? (8)
- 21 Gout setting in? It's the beginning (6)
- 22 Butt-holder, when husband leaves, goes wrong (6)
- 24 Fool giggles when back inside a chilly home (5)
- 26 Split owner's income (4)