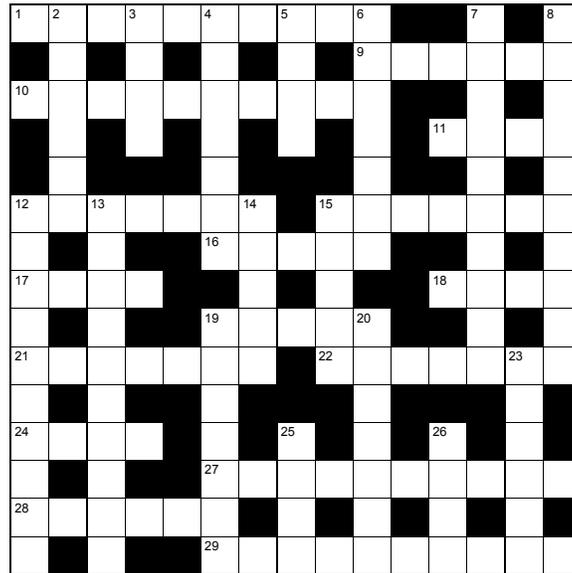


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ACROSS

- 1 Seize conflicting factions in church (10)
- 9 European sophistication (6)
- 10 Is a climate change causing disasters? (10)
- 11 Writer keeps ring for labourer (4)
- 12 British team's touring Spain in addition (7)
- 15 Converted democrat has no time for friend (7)
- 16 Road damaged by nitrogen gas (5)
- 17 Fellow gets to have a meal – that's an achievement (4)
- 18 Money is essential to amateur ornithologist (4)
- 19 Annoyance when old car doesn't start (5)
- 21 Withdraw religious education pamphlet (7)
- 22 Note, garment provides compensation (7)
- 24 Writer not unknown to be difficult (4)
- 27 Urbane exec unusually displaying high spirits (10)
- 28 Grandmother has setback in French city (6)
- 29 The tears we shed, darling (10)

DOWN

- 2 Old stove's colour (6)
- 3 Supporter keeps pound for tart (4)
- 4 Captain provides opening for sound sleeper (7)
- 5 Dry run requiring outside help (7)
- 6 One slip spoiled foreign letter (7)
- 7 Rare title circulates around university as reading matter (10)
- 8 You keep below – shouting's beginning to get noisy (10)
- 12 Be needing tennis stroke in advance (10)
- 13 A little knowledge of Swedish initially being important (10)
- 14 Was model embracing popular and good person? (5)
- 15 In credit, need to pay shrink (5)
- 19 A bit of a shock involving Chelsea's top player (7)
- 20 Soldiers negotiate for shelter (7)
- 23 Score freely, netting century in game (6)
- 25 Copper needs to be 27 perhaps (4)
- 26 Reasonable-sounding price (4)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 confiscate. 9 polish. 10 calamities. 11 peon. 12 besides. 15 comrade. 16 radon. 17 feat. 18 euro. 19 anger. 21 retract. 22 redress. 24 hard. 27 exuberance. 28 Nantes. 29 sweetheart.

DOWN

2 orange. 3 flan. 4 skipper. 5 arid. 6 epsilon. 7 literature. 8 thunderous. 12 beforehand. 13 smattering. 14 saint. 15 cower. 19 actress. 20 retreat. 23 soccer. 25 cube. 26 fare.