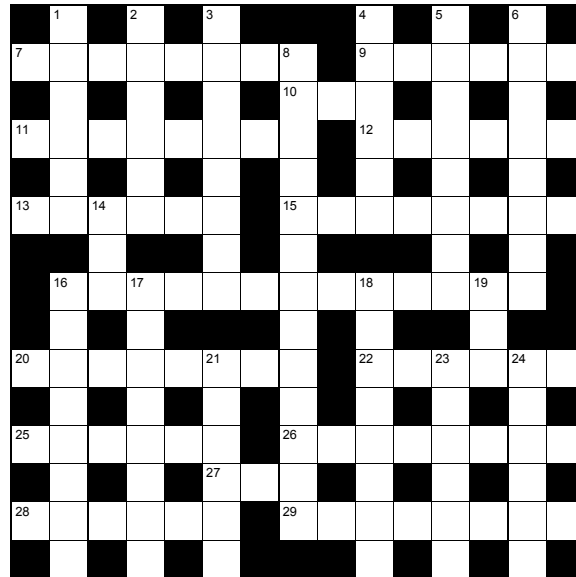


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ACROSS

- 7 Liking for swansong? (8)
- 9 A woman, first to kiss a nerd (6)
- 10 Poor actor in first half of play (3)
- 11 Possibly make bread low-calorie with this material (8)
- 12 One lays down golf club (6)
- 13 Slowly going round a shed (4-2)
- 15 Great fire trick endlessly rehashed (8)
- 16 Ann quoted girl uncharacteristically speaking pompously (13)
- 20 Song about a...a curse (8)
- 22 Assume former partner will need training before court (6)
- 25 Wine is left in crate anyhow (6)
- 26 To abandon plane is not unusual (8)
- 27 Some ambassadors create fuss (3)
- 28 Dark-sounding piece (6)
- 29 Runs into trouble with southern relations (8)

DOWN

- 1 Threat from males by a church (6)
- 2 Show or hide (6)
- 3 Leaders of manufacturing association equip ancient plant (8)
- 4 One sleeping in tent is more affected (6)
- 5 Remorseful criminal gets tired (8)
- 6 Cosmetic surgery changed life in fact (8)
- 8 Film depicting very patient person from Rome? (3,7,3)
- 14 Song listened to in Scottish town (3)
- 16 Awkward crowd wants fish (8)
- 17 Modify, for example, ring for trusted friend (5,3)
- 18 Who can start such a sentence? (8)
- 19 Born in endless poverty (3)
- 21 Car in ultimately pristine condition (6)
- 23 Difficult situation for Penny, not rich (6)
- 24 Many sheets, we hear, needed for singing groups (6)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

7 penchant. 9 anorak. 10 ham. 11 Bakelite. 12 putter. 13 lean-to. 15 terrific. 16 grandiloquent. 20 anathema. 22 expect. 25 claret. 26 jettison. 27 ado. 28 knight. 29 brothers.

DOWN

1 menace. 2 screen. 3 marigold. 4 camper. 5 contrite. 6 face-lift. 8 The Italian Job. 14 Ayr. 16 gangling. 17 alter ego. 18 question. 19 née. 21 estate. 23 plight. 24 choirs.