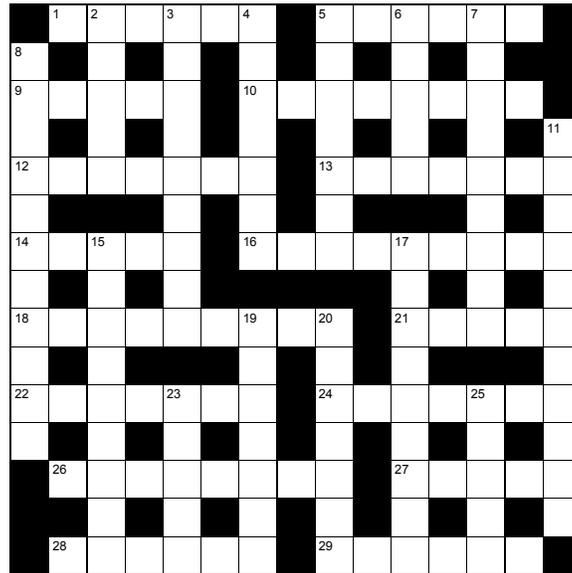


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ACROSS

- 1 Darling, principally I'm a comedian but I'm not very bright (6)
- 5 Editor in charge absorbed by manuscript for doctors (6)
- 9 Old mule spilled sulphuric acid (5)
- 10 See 25 Down
- 12 Scary story from German poet needing no introduction (7)
- 13 See 8 Down
- 14 Backward boy Edward pried (5)
- 16 Thus a popular time is needed for TV series (4-5)
- 18 Her voting changed in a short space of time (9)
- 21 Some frown at allegation of birth (5)
- 22 Crazy for fruit (7)
- 24 Reaches a turbulent river second (7)
- 26 Henry's first pal made off with car part (8)
- 27 Bird starts to collect eggs from here (5)
- 28 Son wastes talents (6)
- 29 Former model's show (6)

DOWN

- 2 Old tribe bringing diamonds to Northern Ireland (5)
- 3 Where racketeering goes on in the courts? (9)
- 4 Wot's up? A road's approaching (7)
- 5 Girl's aimless wandering (7)
- 6 Tea towel perhaps is not so damp (5)
- 7 Con men opt out in part (9)
- 8,13 Across "Surely you jest?" famously addressed to judge in court (3,6,2,7)
- 11 Settled Sheila's debt somehow (11)
- 15 One US writer or another by stream (9)
- 17 Now his rep gets busted for possession (9)
- 19 They talk incessantly of balloons (7)
- 20 MP later resolved to tread roughly (7)
- 23 Boy, a new rising 3 Down champion (5)
- 25,10 Across Evening Star is going to set out aims for 3 Down champion (5)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 dimwit. 5 medics. 9 oleum. 10 Williams. 12 chiller. 13 serious. 14 nosed. 16 soap-opera. 18 overnight. 21 natal. 22 bananas. 24 arrives. 26 headlamp. 27 hence. 28 skills. 29 expose.

DOWN

2 Icen. 3 Wimbledon. 4 towards. 5 Melissa. 6 drier. 7 component. 8,13 Across YOU CANNOT BE. 11 established. 15 Steinbeck. 17 ownership. 19 gas-bags. 20 trample. 23 NADAL. 25,10 Across venus.