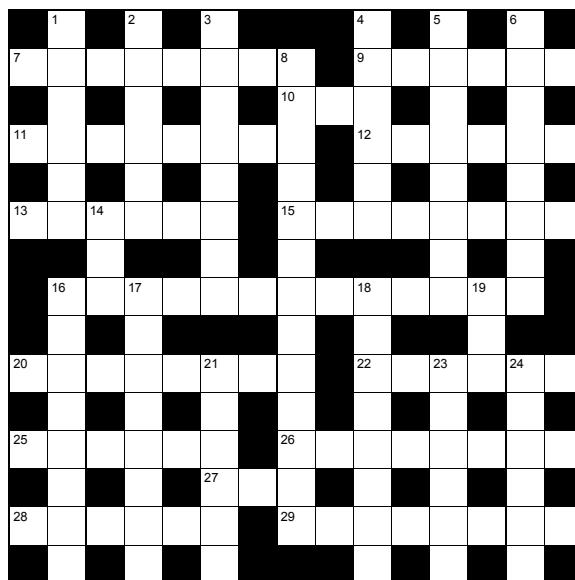


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ACROSS

- 7 Misshapen lump contains a metal, a precious one (8)
- 9 At home with Sean possibly or out to lunch (6)
- 10 Anger displayed by some firemen (3)
- 11 Given somewhere to sleep outside public school (8)
- 12 Somehow pistol is ruined (6)
- 13 Ragged dress covers old person sleeping rough (6)
- 15 Trouble over one lad's love affairs (8)
- 16 Calm but haunted by one's own ghosts? (4-9)
- 20 Mineral discovered by wicked sort, we hear, by pub (8)
- 22 Nearly everyone, not quite the majority (6)
- 25 Odds on present will be a ball (6)
- 26 And German retains right to be nameless (8)
- 27 Comedian's payment is docked (3)
- 28 English miner sporting fur (6)
- 29 One on course has this useful sounding headgear (8)

DOWN

- 1 This is one party game (6)
- 2 Figure's losing European standing (6)
- 3 Plant needs freezing weather and a bit of rain (8)
- 4 Is fat drunk going around Spain for holiday? (6)
- 5 Gives support to European partners (8)
- 6 Having a desire for popular recording, Neil dashed inside (8)
- 8 Centre's beginning to become rowdy in Yorkshire town (13)
- 14 Understand only odd bits of scene (3)
- 16 Footwear at start of year is difficult to get hold of (8)
- 17 Backed the Italian, one wearing kinky green underwear (8)
- 18 Former substitute could be demanding (8)
- 19 I will need energy to travel (3)
- 21 His products could make you stout, and so could he! (6)
- 23 System of measuring crime developed around middle of century (6)
- 24 To observe present and past is child's play (6)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

7 platinum. 9 insane. 10 ire. 11 bestowed. 12 spoilt. 13 dossier. 15 liaisons. 16 self-possessed. 20 cinnabar.
22 almost. 25 sphere. 26 untitled. 27 wag. 28 ermine. 29 handicap.

DOWN

1 Cluedo. 2 status. 3 snowdrop. 4 fiesta. 5 espouses. 6 inclined. 8 Middlesbrough. 14 see. 16 slippery. 17 lingerie. 18 exacting. 19 ego. 21 brewer. 23 metric. 24 seesaw.