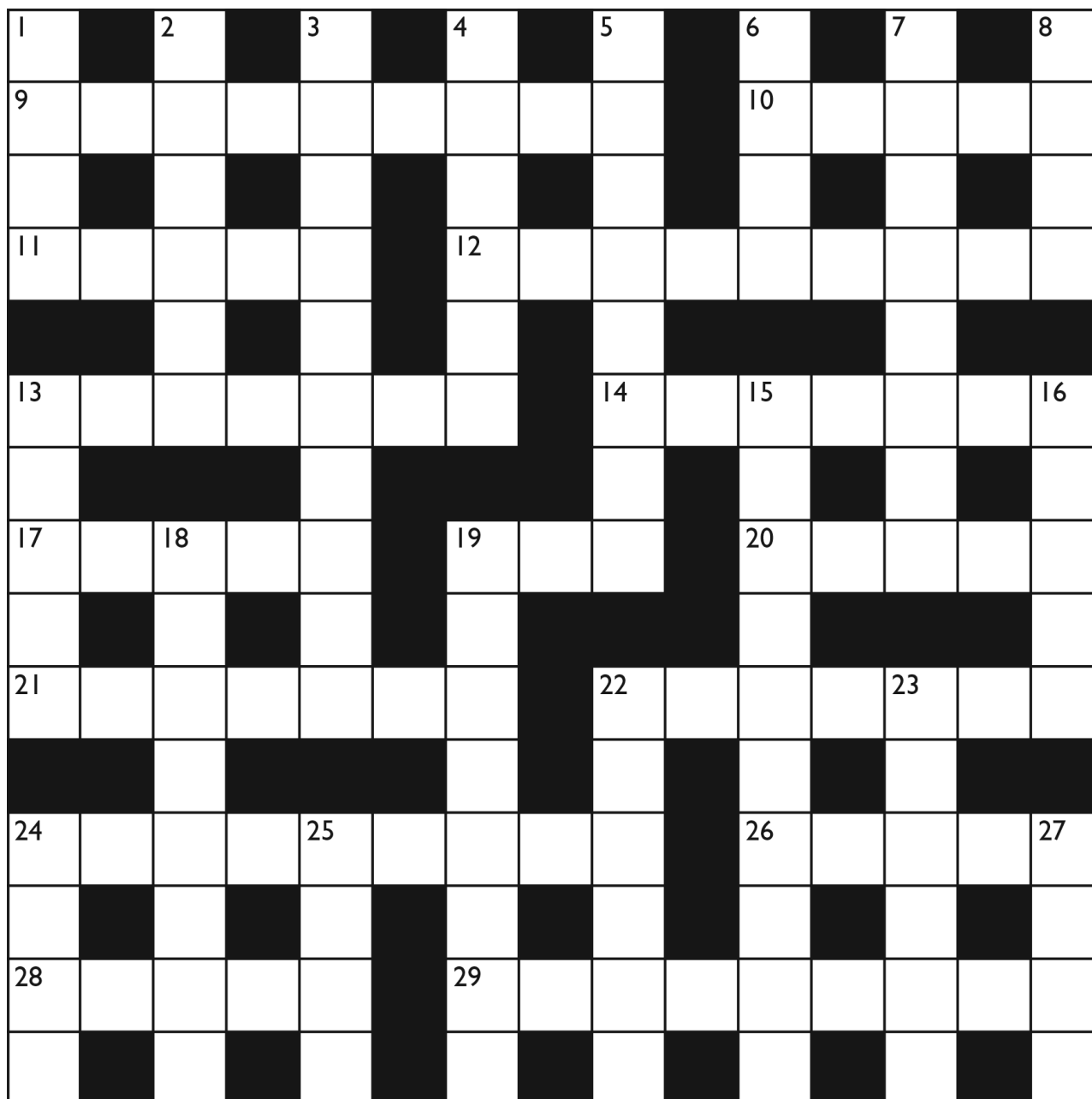


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Across

- 9** Maybe deal with China for this Mexican dish (9)
10 Reared before the beginning of August in Dutch city (5)
11/12 Theory about the earth's crust can settle topic in a different way (5,9)
13 Purify terrible place names, discarding map (7)
14 Manchester city redesigned for lads (7)
17/19 Argon is one from Tangiers, perhaps (5,4)
20 War-torn nature of this African country I leave unsaid, maybe (5)
21 Article follows month in Georgian city (7)
22 In Palermo sell European wine (7)
24 Rhine lake with accents on change (9)
26 He's back in Crete, possibly (5)
28 Ruminant returns south to water grasses (5)

29 Joining metals with unusual gold resin (9)

Down

- 1** He has a piano, making a pile (4)
- 2** Period of extreme cold forms part of the office agenda (3,3)
- 3** Breathes in irregularly and falls into a deep sleep (10)
- 4** Roughly arrest philosopher (6)
- 5** USA and Chinese leader twice scrambled to get Eurasian mountain region (8)
- 6** Embargo oddly names Spanish river (4)
- 7** Area of France producing porridge mixture (8)
- 8** Hands over money for French country (4)
- 13** Some tech in America originates here? (5)
- 15** Leonardo's final meal in Milan? (4,6)
- 16** Ant and Dec mostly translated Italian poet (5)
- 18** Technician involved in green energy (8)
- 19** Russian 'openness' – it is lacking from hopeless nostalgist (8)
- 22** Strange impulse to lose porridge initially in favour of this? (6)
- 23** A vital transformation for Baltic country (6)
- 24** Seal for bottle of Irish port (4)
- 25** Job request follows end of chat (4)
- 27** 23 down capital for oil platform Alpha (4)

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