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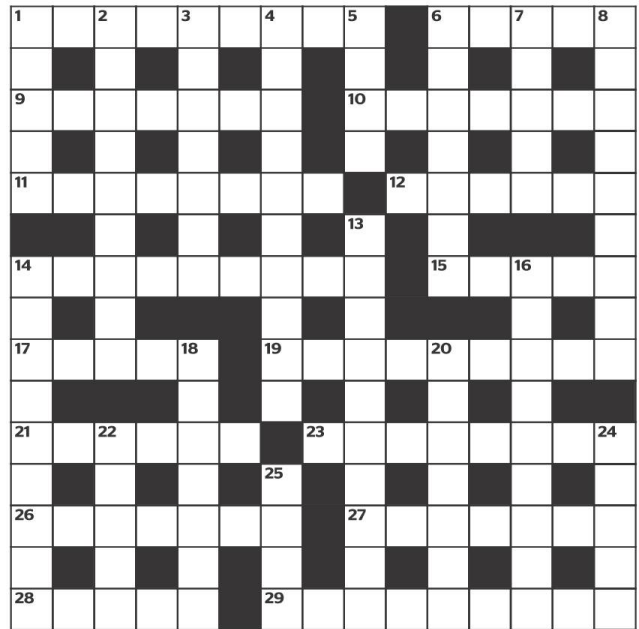
ACROSS

- 1 May care to hurt inadequate one pledging to return (9)
- 6 Curse heartless lie, holding back crowd (1-4)
- 9 'No creator lost face,' said rodent (7)
- 10 Irrational fool first stepping into unlikely trap (7)
- 11 Least cramped metropolis bizarrely evicting new drivers (8)
- 12 Pay sadly reviewed before rally ends (6)
- 14 Writer stole inside a vacant teahouse for fork (9)
- 15 Sound like amplifier I'm plugging in (5)
- 17 Eccentric way initially misplaced (5)
- 19 Net sales from ultimate income impeded enriched regulars? (1-8)
- 21 English pirate cut one bush loaf (6)
- 23 Bombay duck maybe cooked on simmer (8)
- 26 Card game said to be conversational filler (3,4)
- 27 Roman king to blacken one in five (7)
- 28 Applaud SMS unmasking diabolical insiders (5)
- 29 Computer talk I entered for nothing but drink (9)

DOWN

- 1 Grinder escapade curtailed after a short time (5)
- 2 Succeed one time? No way! (4,3,2)
- 3 See 22-down
- 4 Dictator's theft hurts major investment (4,6)
- 5 All ears are waxed up steadily in seconds (4)
- 6 Turned back, entering remote booming centre of health resort (3,4)
- 7 Foreign alias in Honshu? (5)
- 8 Carp heading for Layne Beachley wipeout (9)
- 13 Self-indulgent rubbish in the disco (10)
- 14 Perhaps a model in damn gym (5,4)
- 16 REM album - one played near Eden (9)
- 18 Even next year's nearly perpetual (7)
- 20 Fellows quietly left TV host a sacred candelabrum (7)
- 22, 3-down Volcano produces swell 21-across (5,7)
- 24 Mezzo-soprano found on complete composition? (5)
- 25 Stroked snowbanks near a mound's crest (4)

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