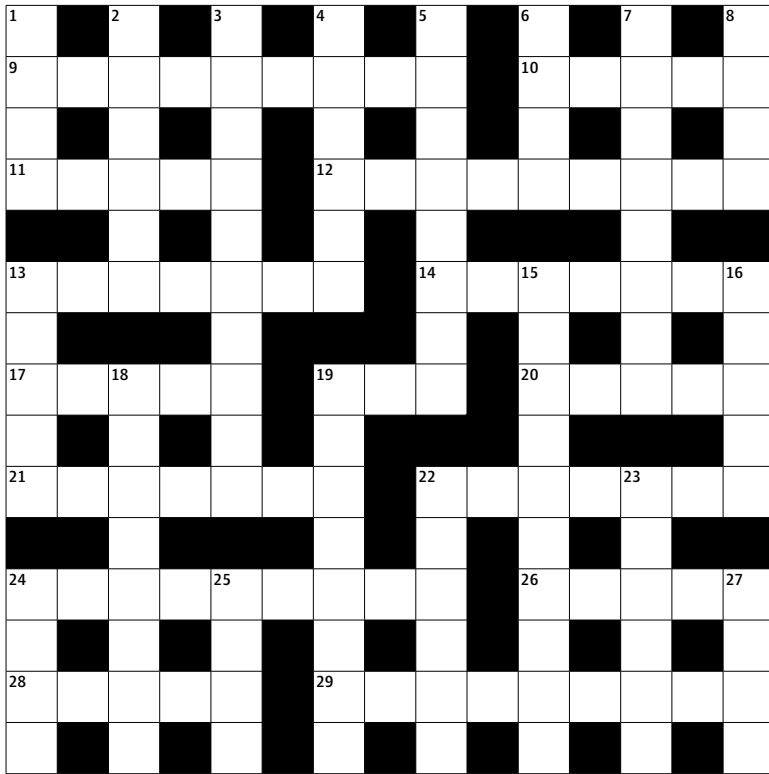


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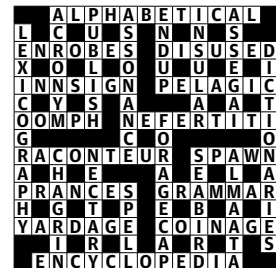
- 9** Constitutional capital of Afghanistan twice (two) 14 (9)
- 10** As some boats flew, though not originally (5)
- 11** Party checked (5)
- 12** Help out, or fail to help children's author (2,4,3)
- 13** Empire behind supporter (7)
- 14** Capital of Lebanon twice bombed, returned to former glory? (7)
- 17** Capital of Norway twice 14 for birds (5)
- 19** Sign letter for the auditor? (3)
- 20** Block hiding other blocks (5)
- 21** Tango, then go for twist (7)
- 22** Get hot man – capital! (7)
- 24** One capital of France, twice 14, covering items (9)
- 26** Swollen stem: squash in retrospect (5)
- 28** Capital of Latvia twice 14 sought prize (5)
- 29** Briefly stir cream perhaps into strong coffee, creation of barista (4,5)

Down

- 1** Reportedly, break up exchange

- 2** Able to bend, one held in place (6)
- 3** One capital of Spain twice 14, arranged by chance (10)
- 4** Capital author (6)
- 5** In the beginning, coat user shivering (2,6)
- 6** Capital getting up in the morning (4)
- 7** Time capital of Germany twice 14, more than 23, roughly speaking? (8)
- 8** Every second gone and rift opening underground (4)
- 13** Anything to eat ends in small hole for small predator (5)
- 15** Capital I would secure to invest in coffee (10)
- 16** Conveyed Theodore Roosevelt's letter opener? (5)
- 18** Eastern books on article in window (8)
- 19** Leave sign for musicians hosting upcoming meetings (5,3)
- 22** Again, relocate a US capital (6)
- 23** 14, build new capital (6)
- 24** Call for paper (4)
- 25** Considered material (4)
- 27** Bird, tail by the ear? (4)

Solution No. 28,343



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