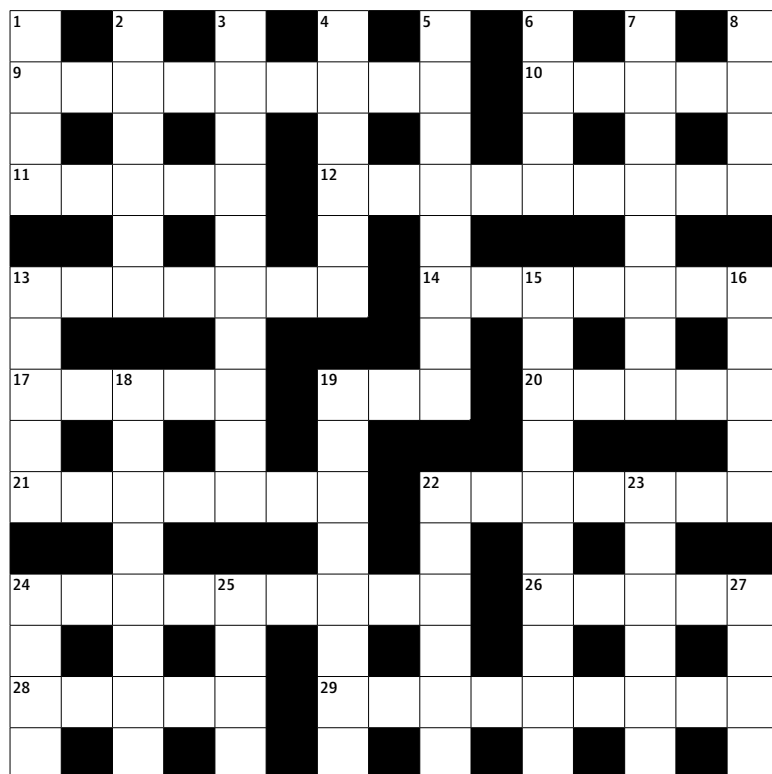


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,147 set by Brummie



Across

- 9** Frank, Barney's suitor (9)
10 Fine bannister in a decrepit state (5)
11 *Times*: 'Politician wearing wrong tie!' (5)
12 Exhibition dancing, etc in fancy places (9)
13/24D Warlike ruler needs good English, not Latin, to move a thousand Chinese people (7,4)
14 Brush off insult by female (7)
17/19/20 On removal of a rum levy one gets a good, fair price (5,3,5)
21 It restricts one who's prone to crush male sex (7)
22 Director got into line beside one (7)
24 Kay playing tricks - a time to get going again (4-5)
26 Fight to see star's bottom in dirty film (5)
28 Fruit, one applied to painful growth (5)
29 Heroics - pistol turned on fleeing diamonds ring (7-2)

Down

- 1** Row of drums overturned (4)
2 Rear end removed from game meat (6)
3 Increasing the wealth of Bezos and Musk, say, in field of medicine (10)
4 Fail to spot American old lady (6)

- 5** Criminal proposal to squeeze rear (8)
6 In brief, I think it might help the police (1-3)
7 'Contains nuts' ban (8)
8/27 Rare occurrence of adult at low end of chain (4,4)
13 Donated large mallet (5)
15 Facile, off limits pics (10)
16 Digital writers using pen element (5)
18 Meek sort on about Spring dinner item (4,4)
19 Struggle through crossings ahead (8)
22 Tense fellow, head of union, true eccentric (6)
23 Like Cinderella's popular jazzy pieces (2,4)
24 See 13 Across
25 Southern - what's more, smooth (4)
27 See 8

Solution No. 30,140

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