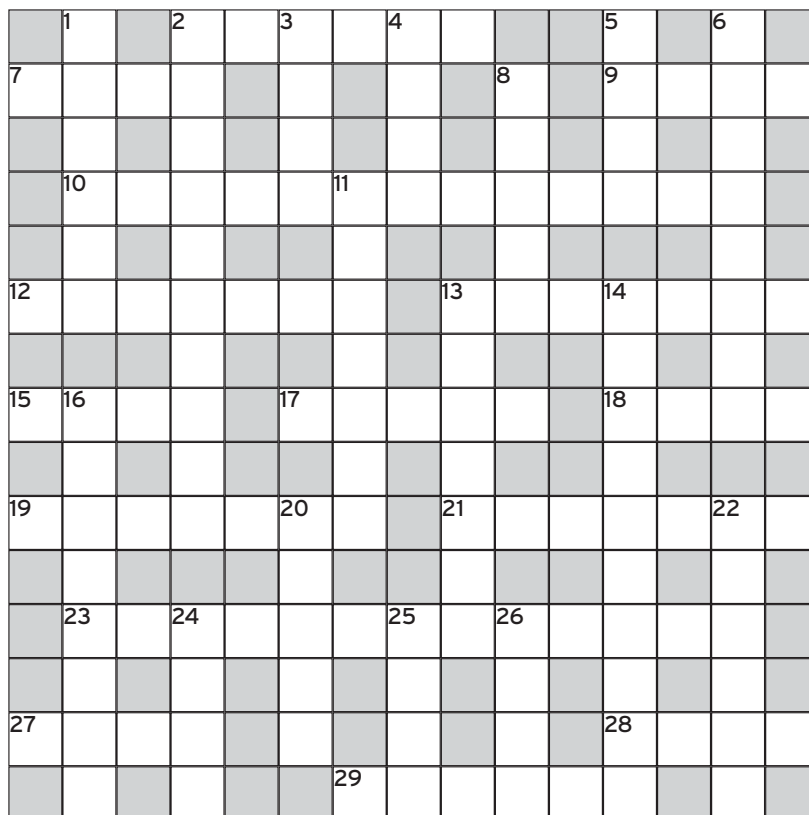


## Across

- 2 Give a sermon prior to giving an account beginning with hardship (6)
- 7 Long for a coniferous tree (4)
- 9 Dry region, part of a ridge (4)
- 10 Feed a stubborn kind of animal used for carrying loads (5,2,6)
- 12 A group of three, let after a short journey (7)
- 13 Piece of iron is at back of a coffee shop server (7)
- 15 Painter initially donates a large idol (4)
- 17 Headless bough on a large farm (5)
- 18 Edible plant has a hole, overheard (4)
- 19 A statement of objection in favour of a trial (7)
- 21 Doctor's pill in a small container (7)
- 23 Adjust a few sort, initially lacking an overwhelming fear of a programming mistake (8,5)
- 27 Footwear in the luggage compartment of a car (4)
- 28 Every other star seeks a long journey (4)
- 29 Steal cover concealing recess in room-wall (6)



## Down

- 1 Thousand Romans of a tribe chop the wood of growing trees (6)
- 2 Boat lever's sharp end has a sustained bass note (5-5)
- 3 Beheaded beast in the direction of the rising sun (4)
- 4 Bovine animal's fleshy part of the leg (4)
- 5 Closed off a lyric poet, overheard (4)
- 6 Short essay on an architectural ornamentation (8)
- 8 Small article bend not applicable for a steam bath (5)
- 11 Rejected person to say openly about the

- actors in a play (7)
- 13 Having two repeated sequence of events on a wheeled vehicle (7)
- 14 One left with a strong desire to be worthy of to explain (10)
- 16 Wearing away on a bar is damaging (8)
- 20 Initially, save enough water entering rooms from a drainage pipe (5)
- 22 Room for storing food has cooking fat for the Queen (6)
- 24 Sound outcome of an elaborate party (4)
- 25 Wading bird on a horizontal bar of wood (4)
- 26 Repeated sound found in speech only (4)

## Solution to Puzzle 9368

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