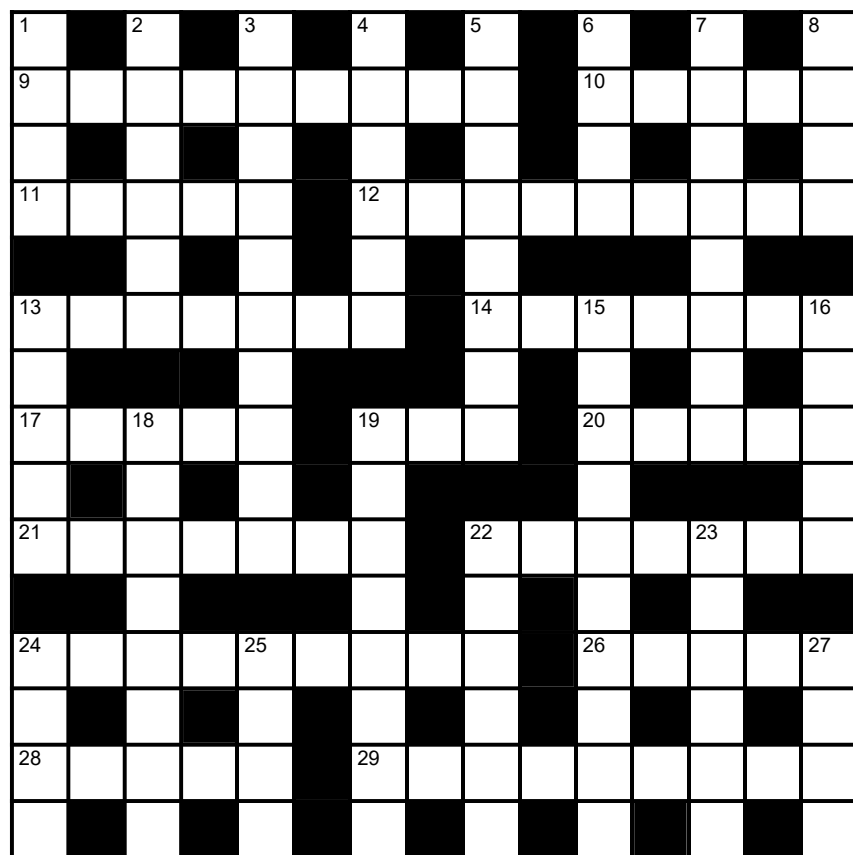


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'Little Invaders'



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Across

- 9 Local pipe filling area that harbours unknown illness (9)
10 Rulers having temperature and respiratory problem (5)
11 Discover catarrh in omnivorous beast (5)
12 Cook briefly ate this pie leading to liver problem (9)
13 Cats old, endlessly irritated, so hiding (7)
14 Permit pages to ramble after start of address (7)
17 Bug is hard inside leaf (5)
19 Expected nobleman, not king (3)
20 Old-fashioned, half-hearted rotter disgruntled (5)
21 Pleases criminal making passes (7)
22 Approximately like a frill, say (7)
24 Survivor on back, ignoring a very nasty cause of stomach upset (9)
26 Type of acid preserving starter of Galloway tongue (5)
28 Sample of placebo lacks noxious agent (5)
29 Blonde type providing unwelcome news (9)

Down

- 1 Reportedly like quay (4)
2 Part of the sea raising, ignoring depth (6)
3 "Our slum" – he's funny or maybe not (10)
4 Creeps offering headless birds (6)
5 How to produce elan in Lancaster perhaps (8)
6 Son drops off hat to remove alteration (4)
7 Ending deliveries, it indicates time to retire (4,4)
8 Terrorists' disaster – lack of credit (4)
13 Large crown of tree's falling down (5)
15 Western Republicans have guts with Europe revolting (10)
16 Black kite's tail thin (5)
18 Admission of wrongdoing by American blonde (Bobby) (1,4,3)
19 Report of French author (8)
22 Continue sketch (6)
23 Woman's exercise leading to systemic disease (6)
24 Originally called daughter or miss (4)
25 Delivered low container (4)
27 Unfriendly characters in Poland locked up (4)