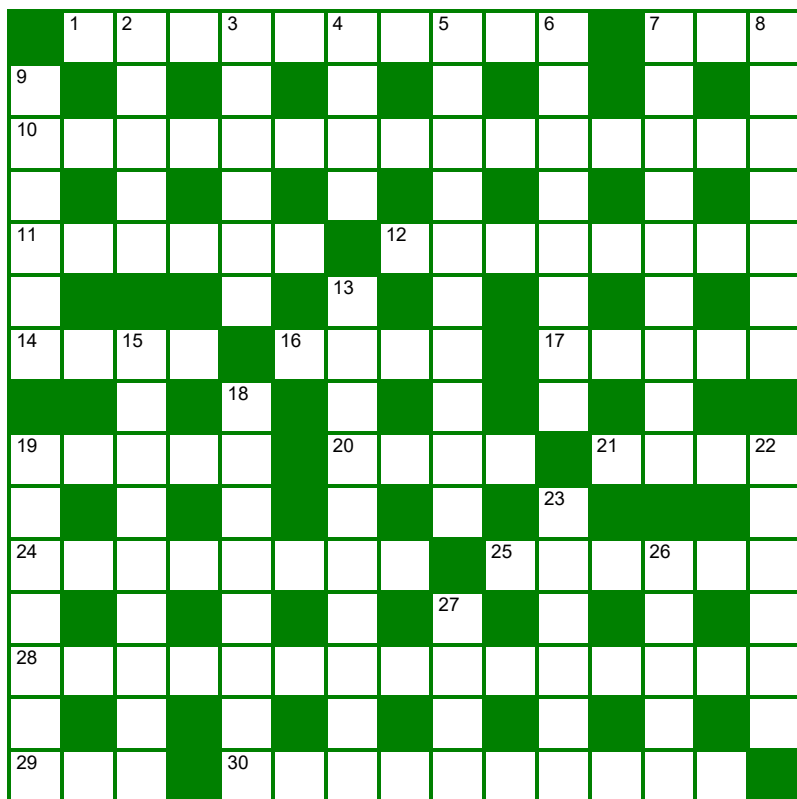


Crossword #69

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Across

- 1 I'm one French director, working with Saxon copies (10)
- 7 Commons leader raised vessel (3)
- 10 Old man beginning to recall a Gallagher: 'Aren't I an awful politician?' (15)
- 11 Sigh when no longer healthy (6)
- 12 No-good bargepole refashioned becomes fit for service (8)
- 14 Beats out rhythm of bugle call (4)
- 16 First of January in France is a funny thing (4)
- 17 Documentary series a Scot ruined (5)
- 19 Steps taken in 3/4 (5)
- 20 Ring pop group (4)
- 21 Python kept by David Lean (4)
- 24 Cares about purchased fast food? Hardly! (8)
- 25 Computer disc holds most of Office's latest default font (6)
- 28 Curiously, Holmes scorns net for mysterious beast (4,4,7)
- 29 One hears fruit quietly dropping (3)
- 30 Isn't Cruise ghastly to look at close up? (10)

Down

- 2 Stately walk of a little woman (5)
- 3/4 ← (6,4)
- 5 Very powerful sound of contemplating ten-point turns (10)
- 6 Faux music style that's representative of Ireland (8)
- 7 Spooner's momentary setback over string stationery item (9)
- 8 Sharp chap like Tim Vine? (7)
- 9 Cheerful, after swapping sides in attack (6)
- 13 Opera perhaps from Weber accepts bass with arguments (3,7)
- 15 Not a single louse caught in standard jam sandwich (6,3)
- 18 Nazi's car injured Russian nobles (8)
- 19 Cyclist's trick that's delightful (it's not true) (7)
- 22 Pass on old Windows in Ireland (6)
- 23 Old film company's name assumed by churchman (6)
- 26 Boobies captivate universal emperor (5)
- 27 Corporations put up blue material (4)