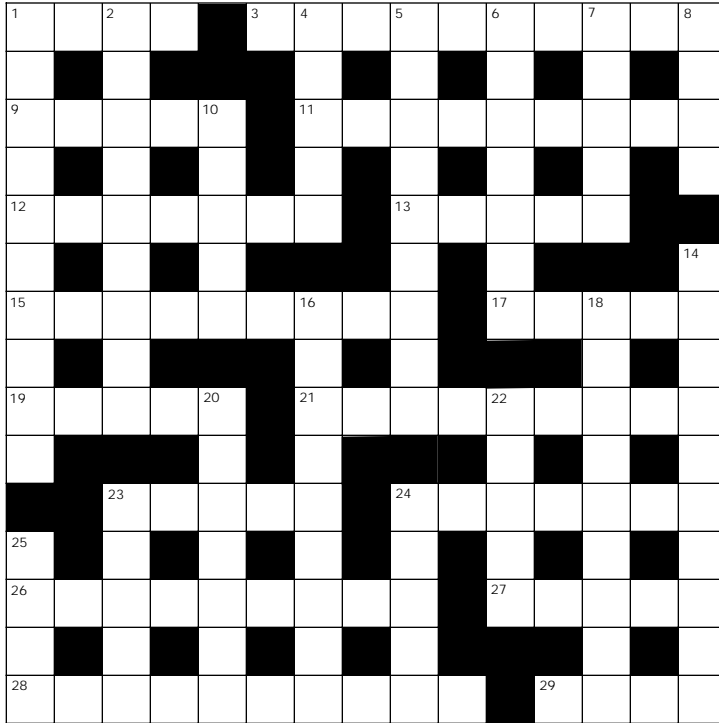


Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS

1. European capital city will go far, they say (4)
3. Bird and island; elements of famous experiment? (4,3,3)
9. Saves broken containers (5)
11. Love returns—in, out, all about, changes for the better (9)
12. Fifty athletic greats are the most huge (7)
13. Twist spool in knots (5)
15. Rant wildly at blackboard—interpret! (9)
17. Frantically, I bash Indian master (5)
19. Promises nothing at high school (5)
21. A “Restricted” in broken italics is ironic (9)
23. Less alcohol? D.A.R. heartless, control ire (5)
24. Pull ring on soldier (7)
26. Most of income must turn around for Marxist (9)
27. Secretly, Grandma googley-eyed for little man with thick glasses (5)
28. Saw thing on Curious George (10)
29. The usage being an abhorrence (2,2)

DOWN

1. A rising up and rotating (10)
2. Villain in cistern; am all wet (9)
4. Clumsy within the boundaries of wild pet (5)
5. Stir up Lemon Lite, a soothing agent (9)
6. Nerve cells cure nose-run (7)
7. Brows draw together as odor returns (5)
8. American can be jerk (4)
10. Holds back stalks (5)
14. Flip coin, label “N” for Nebraskan city (10)
16. Stomach muscles boring exercise to be learning (9)
18. Reportedly, bumpkin gets highs from spasms? (9)
20. Incentives hardly limit us (7)
22. Are alms secreted in kingdom? (5)
23. Exotic modes for rooftops (5)
24. Cross “t,” dot “i”—same as before (5)
25. Boat transports cows (4)

DIRECTIONS

Because there was no *Gazette* last month, our February puzzle celebrates not only President’s Day, but the January birthday of Penn’s founder. Here is a practice clue. **Direct line not terminated by great inventor (8).** *Direct* describes frank. *Line not terminated* is lin. (Breaking the answer into separate words like this makes it a charade.) Since a literal definition must appear at the beginning or end of every clue, *great inventor* is a specific reference to the answer—Franklin. Here are some hints to get you started on the puzzle. *They say* in 1-across signals a homophone or sound-alike. *Returns* in 7-down means a reversal. *Secreted* in 22-down indicates a hidden word clue. *Broken* in 9-across is an anagram indicator. The question mark in 3-across means that it is a pun. And 11-across, our tribute to Valentine’s Day, is a combination clue containing both an anagram and, as in every romance, a reversal.

