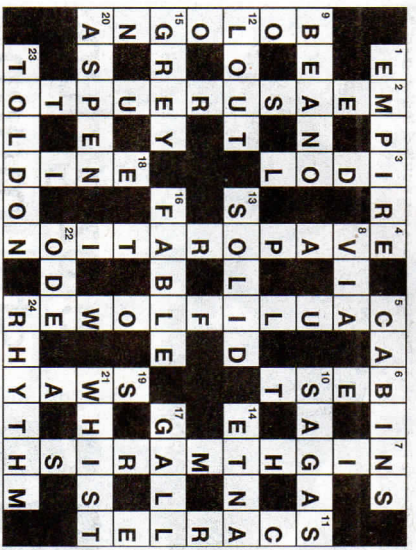


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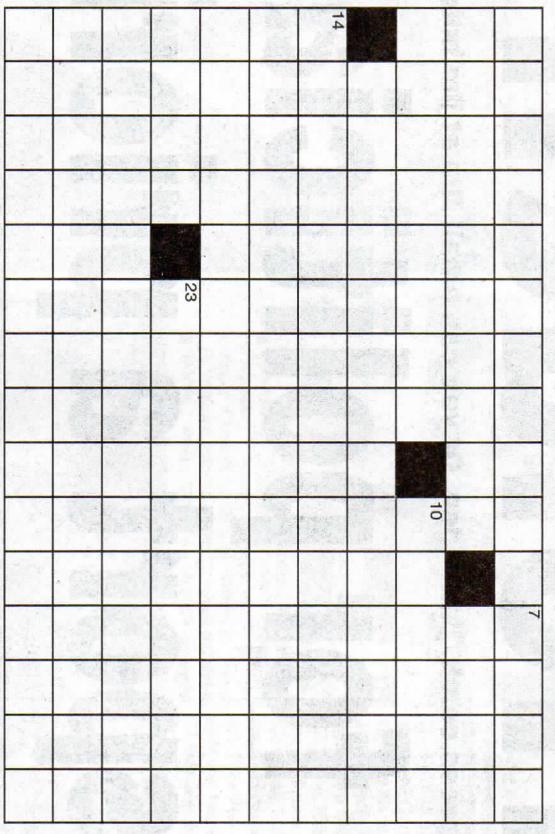


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- 1 Lush land next to a hollow
- 4 Seaborne American thought...
- 7 ...about popular controller
- 9 A sad breakdown publicised
- 10 Friends holding copper mugs
- 11 Man maybe ending misfortune, we hear
- 14 Fragile limey officer goes back to the stern
- 15 Practical husband - child, too! (Hyphenated)
- 16 Three quarters of a fruit seed
- 17 Unruly OAP given filling food
- 20 Mischelvous child learning to beg
- 23 Porter getting by without help
- 25 A pet's unusually soft and light
- 26 Old soldiers assimilated as one
- 27 A furtive look back and forth
- 28 Immediately hiding king found
- 29 Stone circle linked to a goddess

DOWN

- 2 Painter with some work to do Setback after remaining open
- 3 'Perfect state', and another line
- 4 This couple's fair (Hyphenated)
- 5 House in Switzerland - a chateau?
- 6 A number of drinks not served in a bar
- 7 I back godliness, having rued initial wrongdoing
- 8 'Alpine' error one missed (it's Himalayan)
- 9 First child with gas in a series
- 10 Tape ensemble put away (2 words)
- 11 Backseat driver being schooled caught lies
- 12 Planned end of run, in essence
- 13 A ship leaving port fairly slowly
- 14 Vegetable tolerable with a little gavy

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