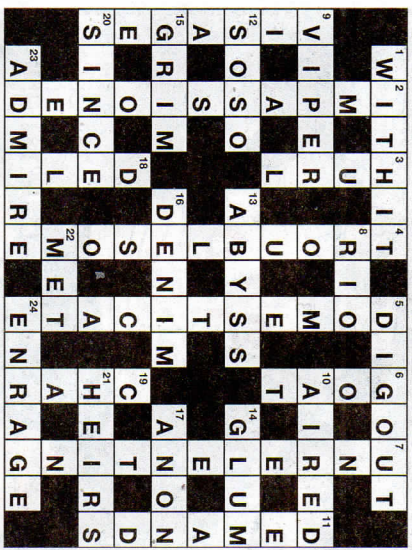


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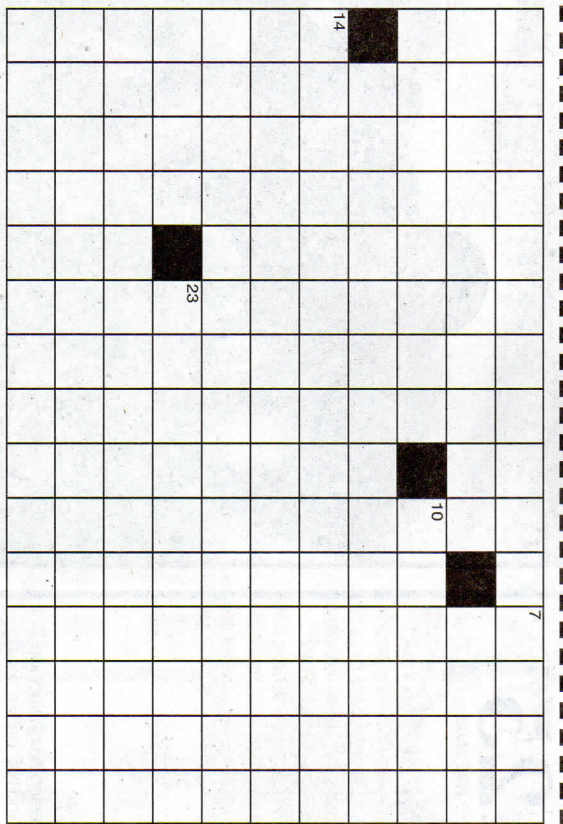


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- 1 Lush imbibing hard drink...
- 4 ...misses 'round of dreams'
- 7 A lot of staff stay behind
- 9 Popular cop fit one of the blues?
- 10 Frenchman perhaps about to go back
- 11 Old man turning mean quickly
- 14 Headwear diminished by tatty attire
- 15 Hard coverings nuts can have?
- 16 Music plans frank diva backs
- 17 Plans 19 almost turned down
- 20 Clothing torn without purpose
- 23 Bugs are surrounded by stones
- 25 Forward movement around circular room
- 26 Gathering spies left after this
- 27 Study followed by an unknown reject
- 28 An emblem to carry back
- 29 Old silver and lead oddly deficient
- 2 Closely passing pet (3 words)
- 3 Rubbish journey with worse end
- 4 A grotty English coin, formerly old city
- 5 Atmosphere, as around an old city
- 6 What ends happiness before one last binge
- 7 Note read from the beginning or end
- 8 Bird near egg rolled over by strong wind
- 12 Heartless Pole grasping fool dated
- 13 Cleaner motor's initial appeal
- 18 New York tavern admitted a twit
- 19 Spy taken back time after time
- 21 Aunts gutted by an uncle's state
- 22 A bit sits on top of tea or coffee
- 24 A trade went on closer to midnight

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