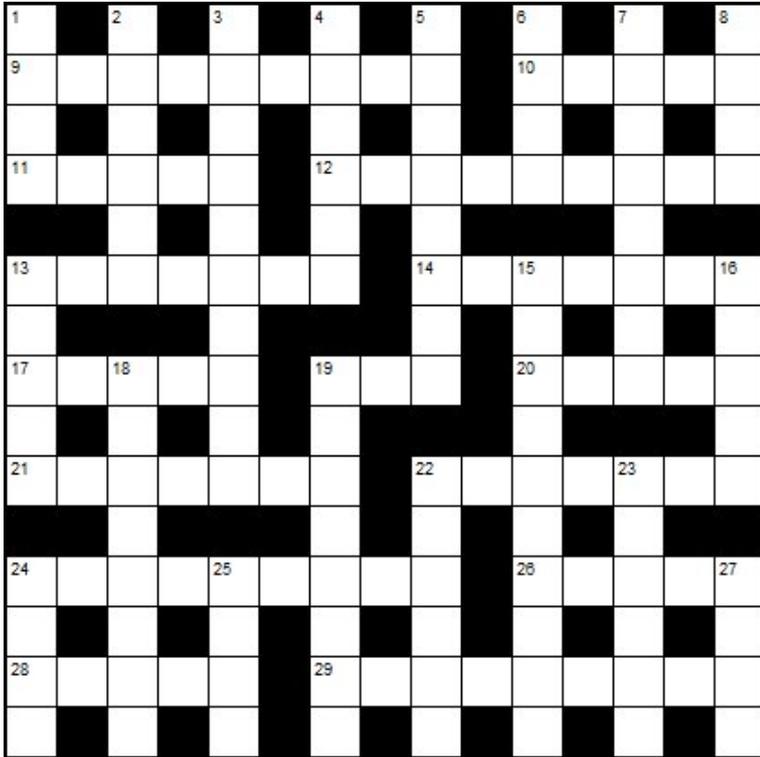


# Puzzle 2 by Rodolfo

This is Rodolfo's second puzzle here, and there is a slight theme. The clues have faultless cryptic grammar and exploit a wide range of ideas. My favourite is 15 down, with 27 down a close runner-up.



## ACROSS

- 9 Circulate a test to pieces against Fermat's Last Theorem (9)
- 10 House revolutionary soldier, he's against the throne (5)
- 11 Derby's banks have Manx currency up front in cash (5)
- 12 Actor's pet reviewed in *The Observer* (9)
- 13 Tsipras' letter raises one half of capital (7)
- 14 See 26
- 17 Adjusts detailed trial to suit multi-national group (5)
- 19 Catch nameless man (3)
- 20 Herb used in frothy Meunière (5)
- 21 Perhaps Garfunkel is an accomplished craftsmen (7)
- 22 Official with his rule receding, like 6? (7)
- 24 Supply I infected, like 8? (9)
- 26,14 19, 11, 17? (5,7)
- 28 *Times* to cover small social media update (5)
- 29 Lord Lieutenant stores East German Riesling unopened, it's needed for high notes! (5,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Soviet Union's letters central to Bush senior (4)
- 2 Annoy contrary, quiet girl inside (6)
- 3 They're green or yellow jersey contestants perhaps, after the final stages of *Le Tour*, retiring (10)
- 4 It can be learnt from what you've got after taking your shirt off? (6)
- 5 Computer system of medium difficulty (8)
- 6 Invent a fresh flavour (4)
- 7 Sweet talk from smooth guy who's heartless (8)
- 8 Sorry form of dismissal, old Pakistani openers are upset (4)
- 13 Enigma decrypts captured by vengeful traitor (5)
- 15 Race Polo or Golf in this? (10)
- 16 Struggle without the primary character overshadows Greene's finale in *Brighton Rock*? (5)
- 18 Told to exercise if on diet (8)
- 19 With soft steps, à la Rogers? (8)
- 22 Soup to mature under a container (6)

- 23** Medicine the Spanish king consumes one by one? (6)
- 24** Respect a tax on goods (4)
- 25** Extravagant *Tosca* loses nothing musical (4)
- 27** 26,14 are, 26,14 (mostly) aren't (4)