

November 2018 Slot 1 by Virgo

Across

- 1 Finding an operatic composer caught short (7)
- 5 Theatre involved in cut is ready (7)
- 9 The meanest in battle - a stinker! (5)
- 10 Buys tea in pouches (9)
- 11 Ciphers in chaos, looking round! (7)
- 12 Hoffman, note is doing housework (7)
- 13 Spirits glasses (6)
- 15 The Times holds nice moving services (8)
- 18 U.S.S. *Epher* scuttled, becoming a legendary wreck (8)
- 19 Mystery measure taking serviceman back to mother (6)
- 22 The gondoliers offensive smell meant trouble (7)
- 24 Author? Nay! Toss a coin! (3,4)
- 26 Silver's underwear? (4,5)
- 27 I reported stick dwelling (5)
- 28 Petted delighted king inside (7)
- 29 Senior nuns declared "That's the pits!" (7)

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Down

- 1 Travelling bags (7)
- 2 Attain (5)
- 3 Come between (9)
- 4 Subjects (6)
- 5 Exemplar (8)
- 6 Moral significance (5)
- 7 Letting oneself down (9)
- 8 Flags (7)
- 14 Non-drinker (9)
- 16 State of not being (9)
- 17 Put out (8)
- 18 Fetters (7)
- 20 Steep (7)
- 21 Spice (6)
- 23 Peasant (5)
- 25 One of the Titans (5)