

Stop! And Go Play in the Park!

Here is another puzzle from the team of Bob Fink and Jerry Miccolis. Bob and Jerry write:

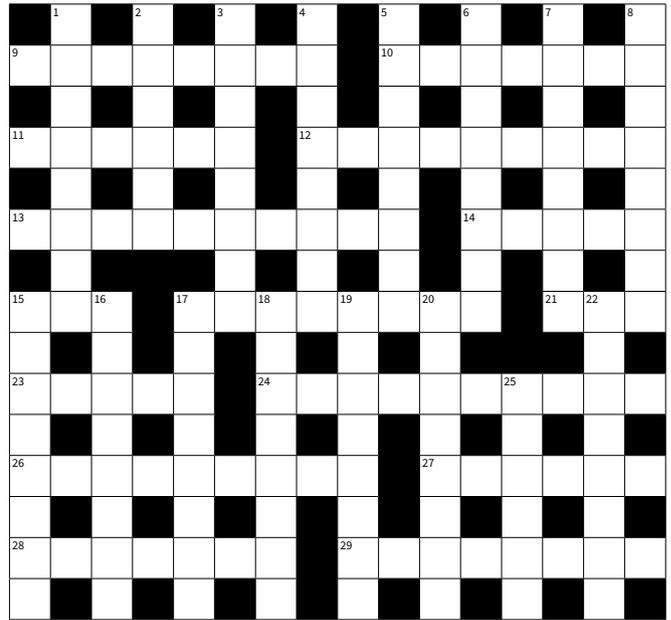
Concerned that their youngsters, Alan and Claude, were becoming antisocial, Charles and Ada imposed a temporary rule they hoped would help. That rule appears in the unclued entry at 17-Across (for your convenience, every letter is crossed by intersecting Down entries). This rule also describes how eight answers must be treated before they are entered into the grid.

All the one-word entries and all the words in entries that are phrases—both before and after the treatment mentioned above—are playable in Scrabble, with one exception: a proper name. As with all cryptic crosswords, beware of punctuation in the clues, which has been known to deceive.

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Across

- 9. Church constructed of barium and quartz (8)
- 10. Pitches and catches in an MLB game? (10)
- 11. Showing flexibility, broadcaster Cronkite, without introduction, goes to cable after inauguration (9)
- 12. For the most part, Alex, Jack & Rod love the Lady Gaga song about her Latin lovers (9)
- 13. Father (Doctor of Divinity) retracted label by lake to court competition (10)
- 14. Married men in hot American music groups (8)
- 15. Elf ultimately enters backwoods to present once again (6)
- 17. [see instructions] (3,2,3) [or (3,1,1,3)?]
- 21. Irritable, receiving hug in a crabby manner (6)
- 23. Erratic dips seen in supply (8)
- 24. Moving mackerel to a place where beef is often stored (4,6)
- 26. Quiet characters repeatedly contribute to standard of conduct (9)
- 27. Note: CBS forensic franchise, to some extent, is a reproduction (9)
- 28. Sloppy dig is using covering (10)
- 29. Sufi elder statesmen harboring farm workers? (8)



Down

- 1. Institution's behavior requiring its leader to be replaced by Monday (8)
- 2. Starting to fancy one second-rate cot, fabricated (6)
- 3. Frillier Mae, in fur, evens out table in bar (4,4)
- 4. Squid found in California, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island (8)
- 5. Somewhat dapper countertenor makes entrance (6,2)
- 6. "What tars!" erupted boater (5,3)
- 7. Portfolio of those who take too much housing: Liberal racket? (8)
- 8. Uchida plays my piano impromptu. "Exudes charisma," everybody ultimately agreed (2,3,3)
- 15. Emma Stone and Jessica Chastain are two he dreads agitating (8)
- 16. Examination covering home services website is most harsh (8)
- 17. Take the edges off this ache: Rub ice, like a little angel (8)
- 18. Release from the East African country when one overstays one's welcome (4,2,2)
- 19. Compromise with flexible draft foe? (5-3)
- 20. At the primaries, unusually persistent legislator, in fight to elect delegates, is elated (8)
- 22. Old Rover mangled ruler (8)
- 25. Spy organization entraps rogue with a bug (6)

