

## The Courteous Cryptic #4 by Symptomatic, @Symp\_to\_mat\_ic on Twitter

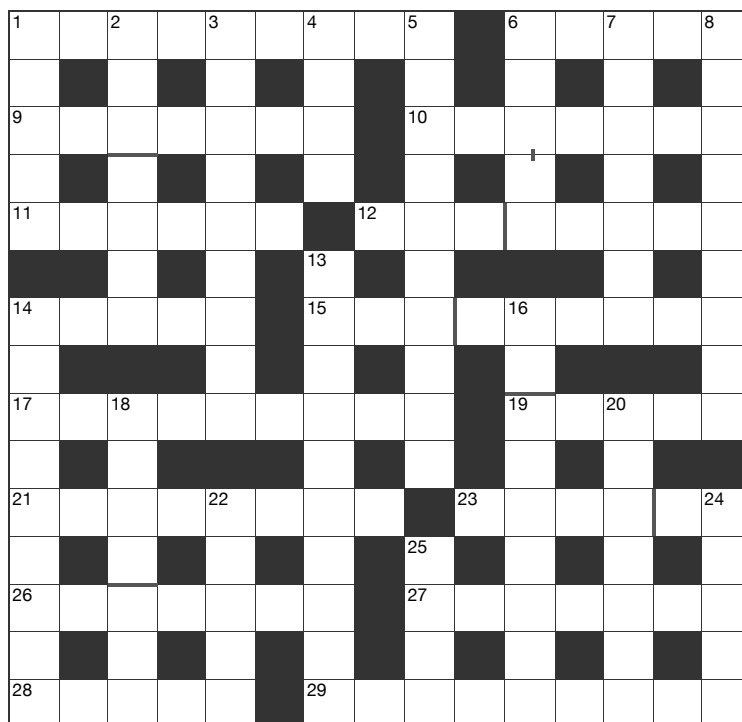
Difficulty: a solid workout

### ACROSS

- 1 In Manhattan, a measure to block 4th Street is exactly as it sounds (9)  
 6 Seen on a computer screen: officer shows remorse (5)  
 9 Lear's daughter wears glasses to see Herb (7)  
 10 Symptomatic's dogs (7)  
 11 Removes knitted vest outside one club (6)  
 12 Put pastry on this French scenery (3,5)  
 14 Stupid mob's got nothing in chest (5)  
 15 Made up vague lie about unknown elite company (3,6)  
 17 Where feta is cooked with a rice concoction! (9)  
 19 City standard to rise limitlessly (5)  
 21 Beneficiary heard to create a flier (8)  
 23 Wastes benefits in 21-across's customary position? (4,2)  
 26 Flexible to survive in melted ice (7)  
 27 Leave a group working (7)  
 28 Food supply cut short a fraction (5)  
 29 Theatre production cast: ten men, cat (9)

### DOWN

- 1 John's on point, unrestrained (5)  
 2 Your broken-down race car is where your mood's at? (3,4)  
 3 Matt and Peter arranged another try (9)  
 4 Gadget? On the contrary, it's treasure (4)  
 5 Gave OK to English artery operation in 2016? (10)  
 6 Dress for morning ritual? (3-2)  
 7 Kind of green substance floating in cold ocean? (7)  
 8 Dishevelled tassel set is garish (9)  
 13 Tiny swimmer reportedly gets record (10)  
 14 Young scout returns walking stick to odd Earl Rover (9)  
 16 A way to capture fool in... in French bottomless trousers? (2,7)  
 18 Red pest shocked fainter (4,3)  
 20 Remainder of change Sire owed (7)  
 22 Period concerning timeless walk (5)  
 24 Beverage to drink up (5)  
 25 Somewhat legal, above-board festival (4)



### ABOUT THE COURTEOUS CRYPTIC

- The underlined words in the clues are all indicators or instructions.
- Any word without an underline is a definition, synonym, abbreviation, linking word or fodder for an indicator or instruction.
- The thicker lines in the grid are for the word breaks in the answers and because this crossword is ever so courteous.

## Poetrics #3

Difficulty: breezy

*Spinoza* is a sonnet written by Jorge Luis Borges originally in Spanish. The translated lines are end-rhymed iambic pentameter, which means lines of ten syllables with alternating stress (five iambs) whose ends rhyme according to the following pattern:

da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM  
 He **works** resistant **glass**: the **endless** **One**

ABAB CDCD EFEF GG

Rhymed are, e.g., *borderlines* and *designs* in lines 6 and 8

With this information, you should be able to fill in the sonnet's blanks from the selections in the left column. A word of warning: not all lines are strictly iambic pentameter, but do follow standard variations on the basic pattern.

### SELECTIONS

- distracting streams (3,1)
- penumbral dark (3,1)
- Hardly exist (2,2)
- robustly work (3,1)
- evening cold where terrors (2,1,1,2)
- within another mirror's (2,3,2)
- what comes reflected (1,1,3)
- every evening always (2,2,2)
- pale within the Ghetto's (1,2,1,2)
- whose shining stars no skies outrun (1,2,1,1,1,2)
- hyacinth and blue (3,1,1)
- dreams a labyrinth's (1,1,2)

Note: the bracketed numbers are the syllable count

### SPINOZA BY JORGE LUIS BORGES

- 1 The Jew's translucent hands .....  
 The lenses in the late .....  
 The dying ..... lurk,  
 One evening, ..... stark.
- 5 His hands, his space of .....  
 That ..... borderlines  
 ..... for him the silent Jew  
 Who ..... lucid, clear designs.
- 9 He undisturbed by fame — .....  
 From dreams ..... dreams.  
 Free from a maiden's timid love confected  
 And metaphor and myth's .....
- 13 He works resistant glass: the endless One  
 He maps, .....

Translated by Antonios Sarhanis