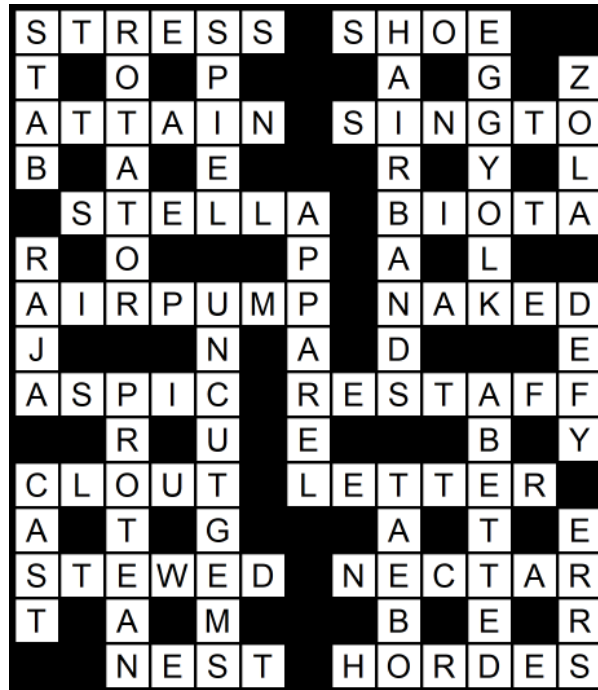


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## Aries Cryptic #23 "Treasure Hunt"



**1A:** TRESS after S(ealing)

**4A:** *Hose* anag.

**8A:** (h)AT(e) + TAIN(t)

**9A:** *Got in* anag. after S(unrise)

**10A:** STELLA = Italian for star

**12A:** B + IOTA

**14A:** *Ramp up* anag. around I (one)

**16A:** (S)NAKED

**18A:** A'S + PIC

**20A:** REF outside *fast* anag.

**22A:** C(ountry) + LOUT

**23A:** Double def.

**26A:** WETS rev. + ED

**27A:** *Trance* anag.

**28A:** NE + ST(ate)

**29A:** *Hoards* hom.

**1D:** Constable

**2D:** Palindrome

**3D:** PIE inside S and L

**5D:** BAN inside *IRS had* anag.

**6D:** *Yoke*/anag. outside GG

**7D:** Z + O (love) + LA

**11D:** APP + *Lear* anag.

**13D:** RAJA rev.

**15D:** *Ten mugs* anag. outside CU (symbol for copper)

**17D:** FED rev. + (attorney)Y

**19D:** *Patreon* anag.

**21D:** A + BETTE D(avis)

**22D:** Double def.

**24D:** O(ut) + BEAT rev.

**25D:** E(nglish) RR + S(tation)

The letters in the unchecked squares contain the name of a gemstone plus one extra letter – TOPAGZ, BAERYL, ROPAL, JNADE, RUEBY, ATGATE, and TAMBER. The letters that are cut from the gems, when read from top to bottom, spell **GARNETT**, as in basketball great Kevin Garnett, who made his acting debut in the 2019 film *Uncut Gems*.