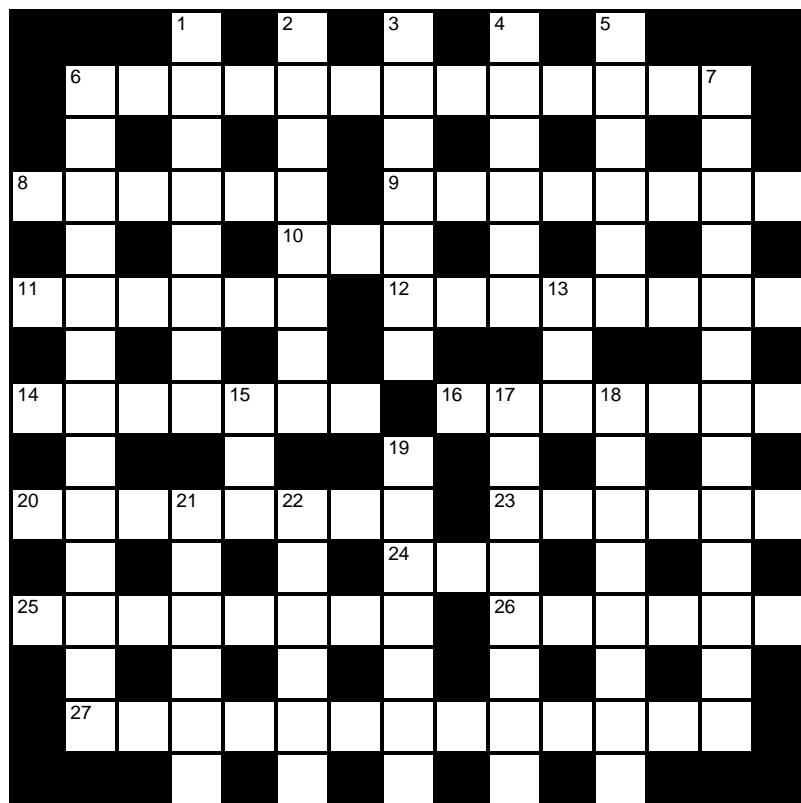


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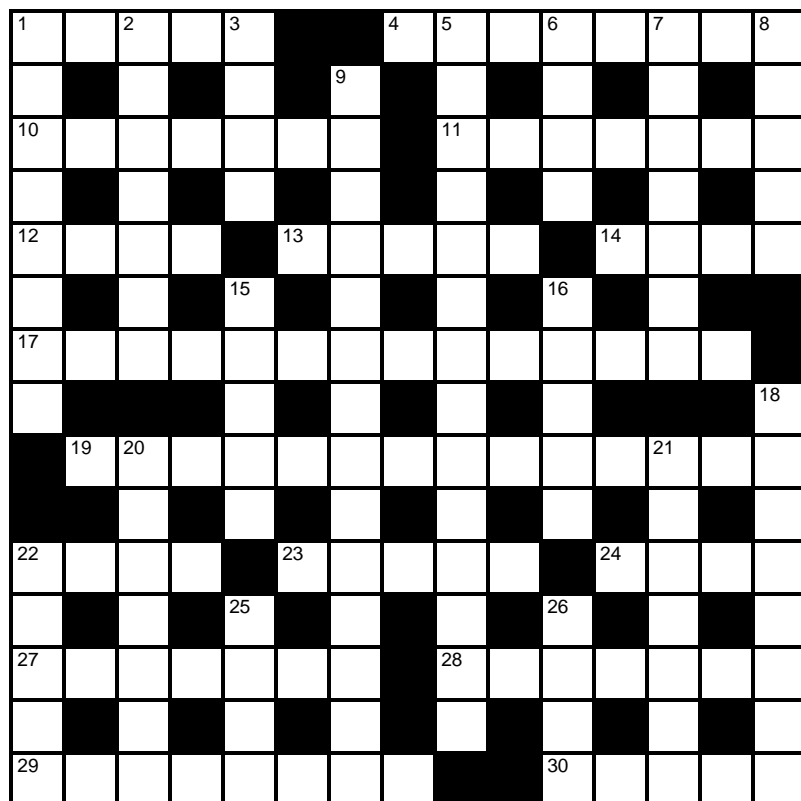
## Across

- 6 Support anaesthetised sleeper, say (13)
- 8 Cinders or sweetheart washed up (6)
- 9 Outsmart bigfoot with passion flower (8)
- 10 Asking to undertake journey by snow (3)
- 11 Developer swamped by problem bryophyte (6)
- 12 Atmosphere overwhelming us powerfully from the start - it's gripping! (8)
- 14 Tighten chest muscles - sounds like plastic (7)
- 16 They form complex phrases (7)
- 20 I love following, say, Cicero's work (8)
- 23 Once again soaks Incy Wincy going head over heels (6)
- 24 Conducted regularly already (3)
- 25 Brought together deer and cat going bananas about artichoke heart (8)
- 26 Fell behind with insulation (6)
- 27 Means to follow rule concerning the importance of probability? (3,2,8)

## Down

- 1 Nice day amid drifting sand shelves (8)
- 2 Awful, awful generous to change name for him at last (8)
- 3 Angle after accountant time scaled one (7)
- 4 Coalition adhering to public relations custom (6)
- 5 He's entrusted to receive degree that is without the Spanish uprising (6)
- 6 Not even calumny merits correction (13)
- 7 First lady's broadcast for each cutting loses listeners (13)
- 13 Pulse could be split (3)
- 15 Partly reproach, provoke or disprove expert (3)
- 17 They throw around dead racers (8)
- 18 Dopey gag about teaching (8)
- 19 Somewhere that fungus clings to eggs? (7)
- 21 Chucked the auditor's chair (6)
- 22 Sign up in awfully fit army (6)

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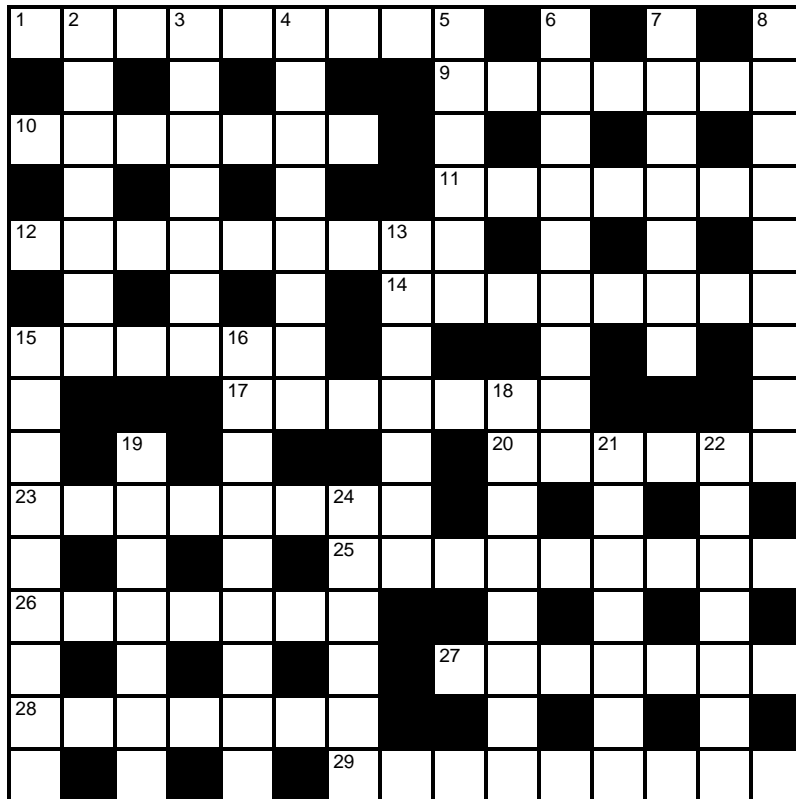
### Across

- 1 Produce date, for example (5)
- 4 Angle end screwdriver? (8)
- 10 Supply queer contents of pipe... supply again (2-5)
- 11 Wieners aroused by party girls in a superficial way (7)
- 12 Icecap expedition takes in summit (4)
- 13 Feral bats break out (5)
- 14 £25 trickling back into treasury? Nope (4)
- 17 How this whole thing works for setter on tortuous path talking about ironic surfaces (14)
- 19 Are they in two minds about Czech prisons being used to store ship's cargo? (14)
- 22 Sounds like more than one component of 1A, 4 (4)
- 23 Bring back not a single unknown element (5)
- 24 Envisage contents allowance (4)
- 27 Eastenders may find it receding but it could help to get you high! (7)
- 28 Exchanges generating great returns? (7)
- 29/30 Something in 1A, 4 messed up newly done home (8,5)

### Down

- 1 They could be deadly husbands harbouring anger (8)
- 2 Having a hunch or limp? (7)
- 3 Expedition to ancient city (4)
- 5 Theory for shift change with 17 more important targets (5,4,2,3)
- 6 Hawk items containing hidden toy (4)
- 7 A kiss with love and he who didn't look back left salamander (7)
- 8 Red-blooded animal's tail found by American on outer reaches of territory (5)
- 9 17, 1A belonging to 1's seer is dear (5,2,4,3)
- 15 Shoot snob wearing smart top hat (5)
- 16 Spring harvest? (5)
- 18 He does hit like evil boxing commandos (8)
- 20 Charging about with no great concern (7)
- 21 Fred's is foxtrot, for example (7)
- 22 Probably opening every one in 1A, 4? (5)
- 25 Boil your stuffing with plenty of grease (4)
- 26 Chubby scratching bottom in 1A, 4? (4)

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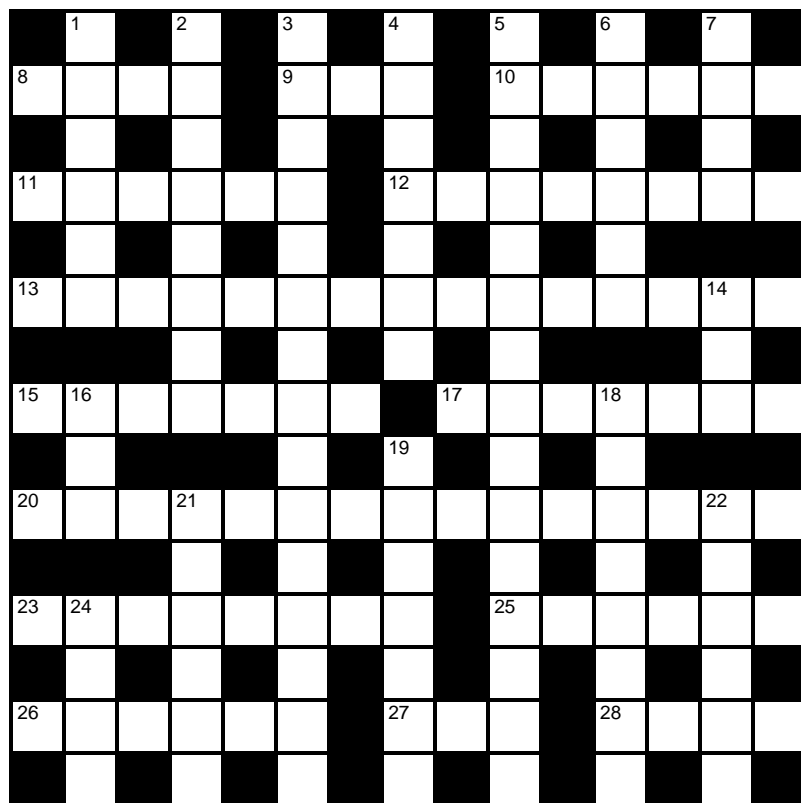
### Across

- 1 See groins perversely coming out (9)
- 9 They think the world revolves around them, but goes its own way (7)
- 10 Fashionable dynasty is making slow process (7)
- 11 It's possibly found in a desperate urge to be more courageous (7)
- 12 Bondholder mainly joined church to find bird (9)
- 14 17 in a state, unstable (8)
- 15 Front keys (6)
- 17 The Spanish and French getting to grips with men's essential feature (7)
- 20 I over-did the last of the salt (6)
- 23 A new king's gripped by rowdy youth's cheers (5,3)
- 25 Man suffers with amazing stress to achieve style (9)
- 26 Affects moves (7)
- 27 Fiery seigneurs centrally gathered in debts (7)
- 28 French link if France gives us Francis (7)
- 29 Minor setback in ferrets, gnu, oyster menagerie (9)

### Down

- 2 Go on land for a change without initially needing floating transport (7)
- 3 Chained wild beast (7)
- 4 Present inelegant attributes for someone who's there to watch (8)
- 5 Nags' vocal expressions of dissent? (6)
- 6 Voice at control broadcast (9)
- 7 Drug acquired through endless wishful-thinking? (7)
- 8 Hunger that is not at first invested in another rescue (9)
- 13 I intercepted mother chasing after rogue 17 (7)
- 15 His pet's too fickle to hold up tramps (9)
- 16 Poop seat? (9)
- 18 Don't start mentoring anarchic 17 (8)
- 19 Smear Lucy concocted with crooked man (7)
- 21 Risks daughters getting pent up with rage (7)
- 22 I would put up with traumatic upset leading to argument (7)
- 24 Uncross if your attributes stiffen (6)

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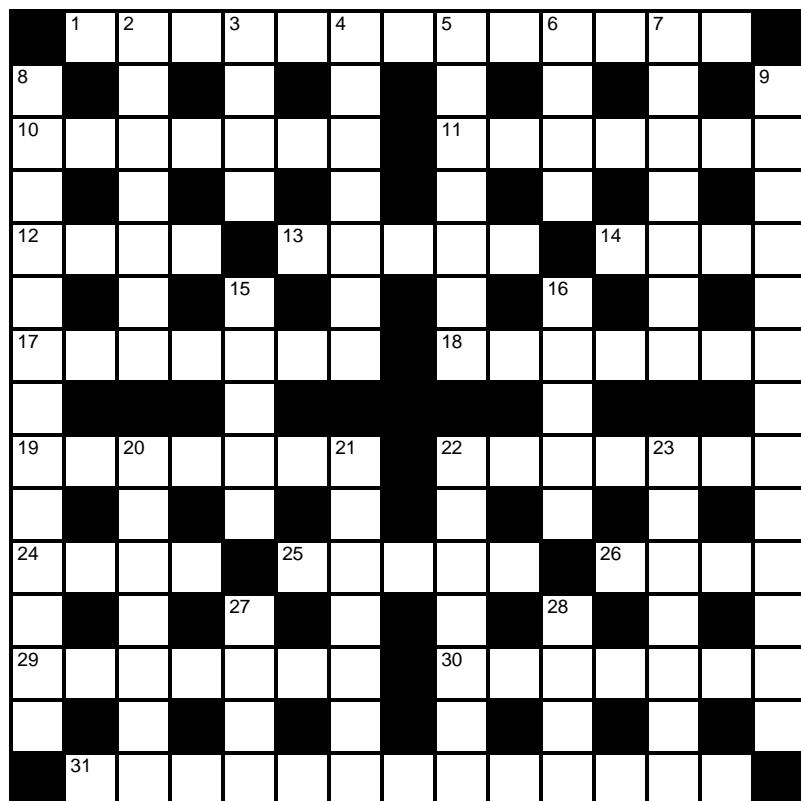
### Across

- 8 Top ten chasing after parrot (4)
- 9 Burnt contents could contain ashes? (3)
- 10 Many howl endlessly nevertheless (6)
- 11 Feel sorry for roasting first bird (6)
- 12 It protects against organism! (8)
- 13 Study of artefacts involved Tory logo poacher (15)
- 15 Remorse for Nazis' insider thrown out of pirate's haunt (7)
- 17 Measures sounds or works (7)
- 20 KGB maybe visit old Chinese capital taking a russophone (7-8)
- 23 Pair allowed army decoration? (8)
- 25 Idle, say, admitting to turning off what should turn on (6)
- 26 Lend shirt off one's back? (6)
- 27 Greek character gripped by sapphism (3)
- 28 Want massage for the ears (4)

### Down

- 1 Come across an equal in audition (6)
- 2 Jilted lover has soldier grabbing cad with black heart as a favour (2,6)
- 3 Mad zealot with talc all over the place to some extent overshadowing mineral (15)
- 4 Improve doorway with hotel sign instead of tigerskin (7)
- 5 Temple that doesn't close goes by the book for virgin birth (15)
- 6 Audible sign's something that clashes (6)
- 7 Unapproachable virus? (4)
- 14 Gosh! So it begins by the sound of it (3)
- 16 Follow without the dead bird (3)
- 18 X and Y? I've never heard of them! (8)
- 19 Atom is taking first of our peak energy (7)
- 21 Like 18 in Chinese cretonne? (6)
- 22 Din held up insider exclusive session (6)
- 24 Managed king's position (4)

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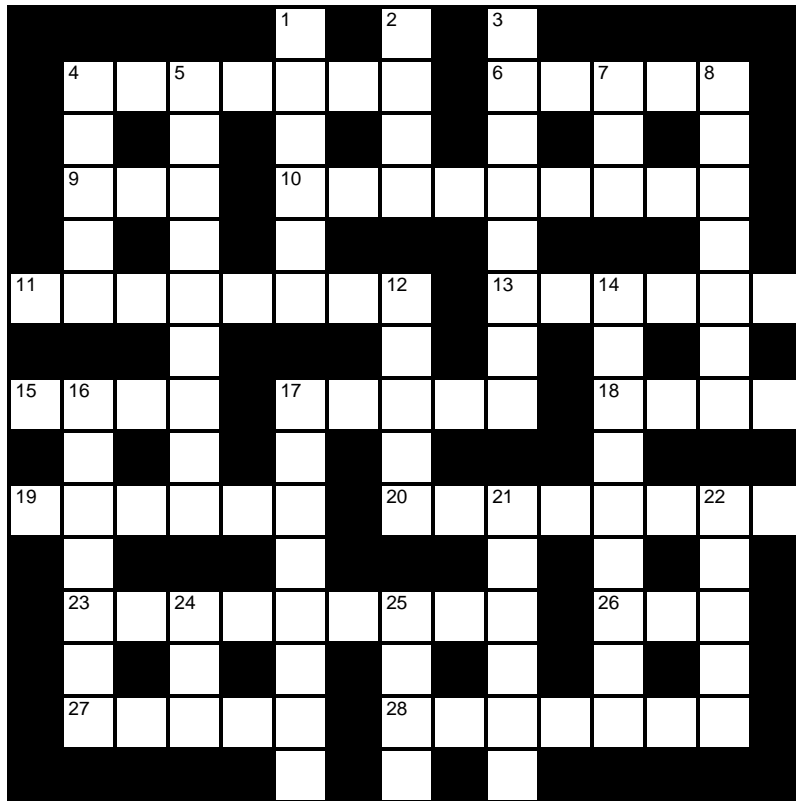
### Across

- 1 Modernist afro wig styled with violin parts (8,5)
- 10 Kingdom's men stumbling around in shadow (7)
- 11 Britain and Spain welcome wet weather state (7)
- 12 Flower in Italy in a French covering (4)
- 13 Alters unfinished Piaf song overture (5)
- 14 Prompts potters? (4)
- 17 Change of heart for body's fate? (7)
- 18 Tank's not a canister anyway (7)
- 19 Setter's fruit challenge (7)
- 22 New German travellers have tumour (7)
- 24 Something at the funeral is literally hollow (4)
- 25 Referendum mysteriously reveals false move (5)
- 26 Stallion rolling around in dust (4)
- 29 Regressive atmosphere about Middle Eastern nation state (7)
- 30 Country's deranged generals killing king (7)
- 31 Sardines panic about Queen of Hearts (8,5)

### Down

- 2 Island has gone strangely American due to volcanic activity (7)
- 3 Chew on egg and eat two hearts (4)
- 4 Yanked around about 50 with nothing on (7)
- 5 Wet nance rejected by passing acquaintance (7)
- 6 Rows disheartened Olivia and Rufus (4)
- 7 Utter bliss to go topless for idle hours (7)
- 8 He climbed mountain in ruddy mean elements! (6,7)
- 9 Madiba's broken lens on shaft gets new lead (6,7)
- 15 Four in Daniel's bed? (5)
- 16 Is Susan having children? (5)
- 20 Molecule is improperly developed with no right or intellectual property (7)
- 21 Room in the auditorium with oddly angled drawing (7)
- 22 Some overemphasise mentally repressive downfall (7)
- 23 Company backing label showing figure (7)
- 27 Shortly coming from an operative (4)
- 28 Opponent's dreadfully against extracting gas (4)

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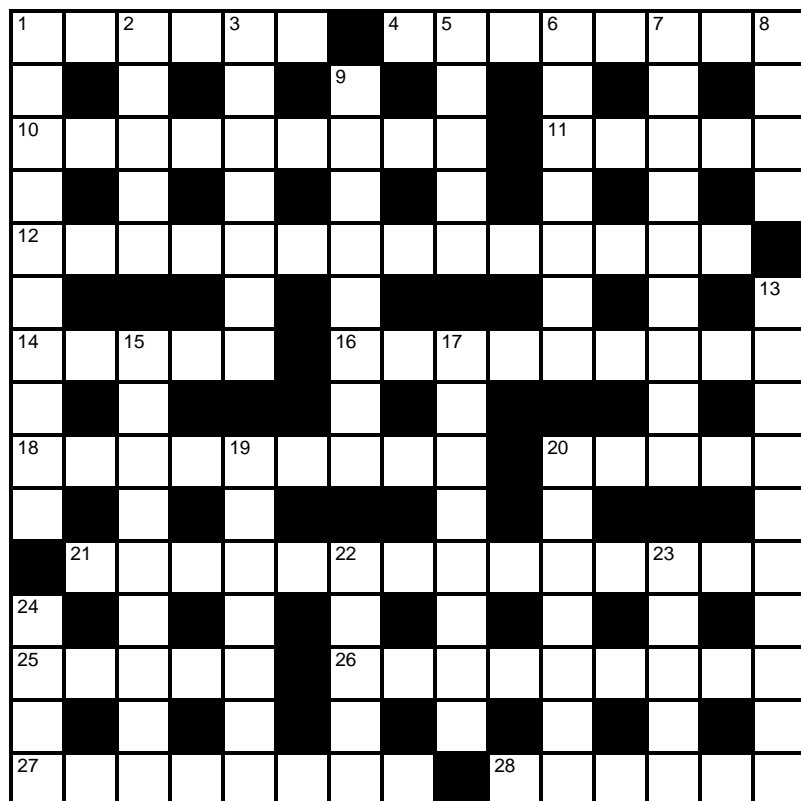
### Across

- 4 Get hurt going around in first electric vehicle (7)
- 6 Notes box you put into French exercise (5)
- 9 Winter travel is essentially riskier (3)
- 10 Unknowns look at scale on electronic instrument (9)
- 11 Targets love direction and stray (6,2)
- 13 It articulates spun yarn in latex wrappers (6)
- 15 Screech owl following you at first (4)
- 17 Dynamic saving without a handy peace demonstration (1-4)
- 18 Rejected graduate takes on case of lobotomy with competence (4)
- 19 Sixteen imprisoning a queen's Jesuit (6)
- 20 Rock key left jazz fan essentially crazy (8)
- 23 Omnificent lunatic cured of human heart disease (9)
- 26 Wrong turning in horrendous setting (3)
- 27 Farewell to the German wearing golden handcuffs (5)
- 28 Upset father by breaking flute (7)

### Down

- 1 Male or female king overthrowing king of kings (6)
- 2 Call for more lemony top half (4)
- 3 Introducing zero emissions per person on capsized river dirigible (8)
- 4 Passage is soaked in beer (5)
- 5 The masses vote in Ohio criminal with one (3,6)
- 7 You finish off half of first saucer (1,1,1)
- 8 Foot of crucifix avoided by superficial immortal (7)
- 12 Gun lobbyists have first rate funds in Nigeria (5)
- 14 Free boast about Sunday tradition (5,4)
- 16 Instrument essential to turbo car in autopilot (7)
- 17 Verucca treated with zinc source somewhere in Mexico (8)
- 21 Harry's stuck after criminal rounded (6)
- 22 Laura goes ballistic according to hearsay (5)
- 24 They detect felons by instinct initially! (1,1,1)
- 25 Uncertain whether to attach frilly edges (4)

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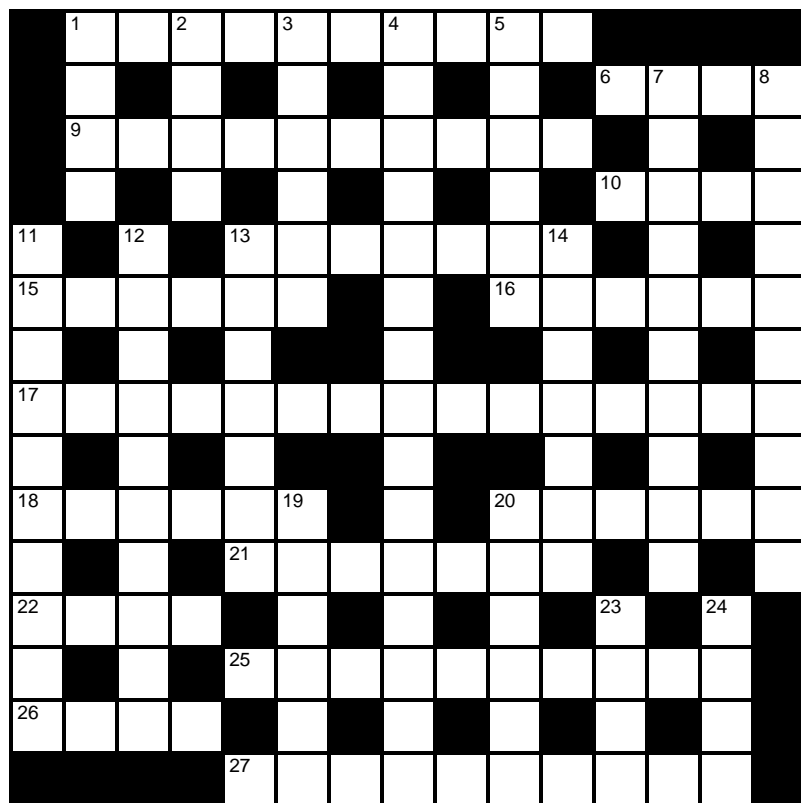
### Across

- 1 Pull in stomach muscles before ball (6)
- 4 Ban built on moral corruption's out of line (8)
- 10 The first philosopher's chest (9)
- 11 The following trimmed clip is flexible (5)
- 12 Trader's French sea song on the Seine, say (8,6)
- 14 Plod along quietly alongside streetcar (5)
- 16 Philip meets leaders of industrial action syndicates (9)
- 18 South American wild grass served with, er, seaweed (9)
- 20 Melancholy is genuine but not extremely bad (5)
- 21 Right riotously transformed France's post-war period (8,6)
- 25 Detached chariots overturned having been partially emptied (5)
- 26 Protect yourself: get insurance! (4,5)
- 27 Safety first! Tailor's elastic and rayon stuffing withdrawn (8)
- 28 Outwardly peaceful border agreement (6)

### Down

- 1 Thoughtless response to mother besieged by mental condition (10)
- 2 Search within tennis court (5)
- 3 Biosphere's unlimited exotic fruit (4,3)
- 5 Obscure note written on the back! (5)
- 6 Where to find Disneyworld or Ground Zero? (7)
- 7 Worn out team on the ground (4-5)
- 8 Look! Backspin! (4)
- 9 Communist embraces reactionary countrymen (8)
- 13 Roots might be found in its branches (6,4)
- 15 Mug a fop or I'll run riot (5,4)
- 17 Alias makes an unexpected eye opener (8)
- 19 Mar successor in charge of biblical fruit (7)
- 20 Some teeth I call squeaky clean (7)
- 22 Fur's warmer in The Smoke (5)
- 23 Made a racket and made various round components (5)
- 24 Goddess lives outside if in Paris (4)

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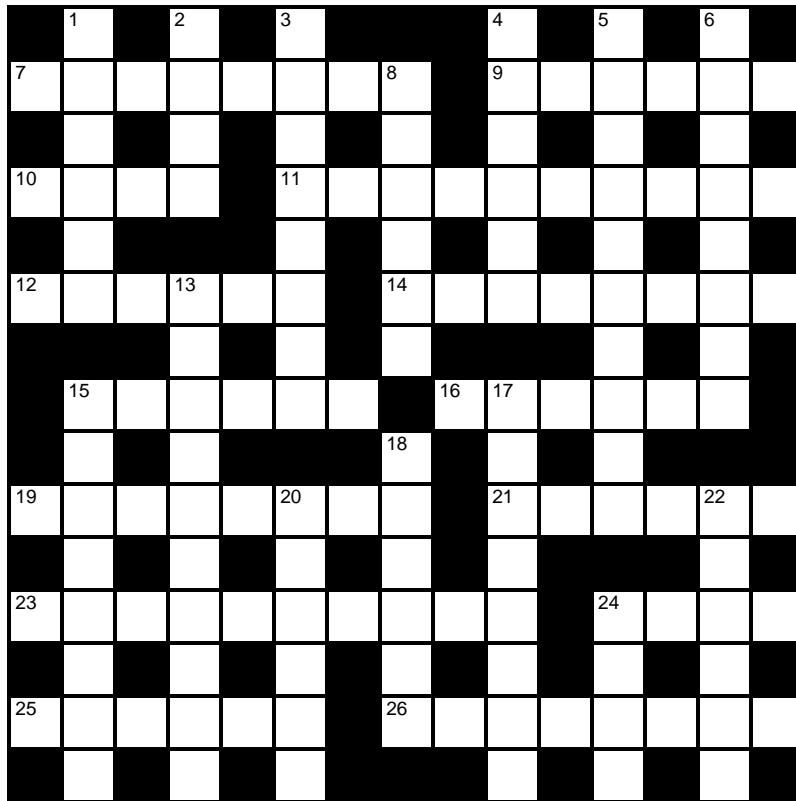
- 1 Succeed in the marathon? (2,1,4,3)
- 6 Bill plaits it evenly (4)
- 9 Breaking with convention do reverse steer after you point (10)
- 10 Damaged after losing lubricant but ran (4)
- 13 Herb raising eyebrows initially in snug surroundings (7)
- 15 Feeling doesn't begin to create movement (6)
- 16 Puppet returning if accepted by centre-left and groovy fringe (6)
- 17 It's found in soap dish mixed liberally with your supply of leading detergent at first (6,9)
- 18 Saline solution for refugees (6)
- 20 Lie within safer borders further off (6)
- 21 Parliament and Leicester conservatives (7)
- 22 Mountain dweller to find itself captured by nine (4)
- 25 Mark around Latin contract (10)
- 26 Commandos joining house band (4)
- 27 I ring ahead to arrange help for the listener (7,3)

### Down

- 1 Eats some of hamburger backwards (4)
- 2 Wild morning leads to fine (4)
- 3 Alternative or progressive tax incentives initially working (6)
- 4 Writer's another Archer brewing coffee with criminal guy (8,7)
- 5 Nostalgia trip to entertaining freestyle dance finals provides high point (6)
- 7 One politician takes on 50 before town accepts another 50 without question (10)
- 8 Day spent with bed rest treatment for stuffed animals (5,5)
- 11 Representatives sign after energy failure (10)
- 12 Digs Stones' compilation's monotony (10)
- 13 Criminals seize unlimited plump caryatids (7)
- 14 Pants audibly for what reason? Breasts! (1-6)
- 19 Escort one of 21 swapping one for another one (6)
- 20 Elements of rising venom restrain speech (6)
- 23 Bug detected instruction to escape (4)
- 24 Cut imposed excluding capital (4)



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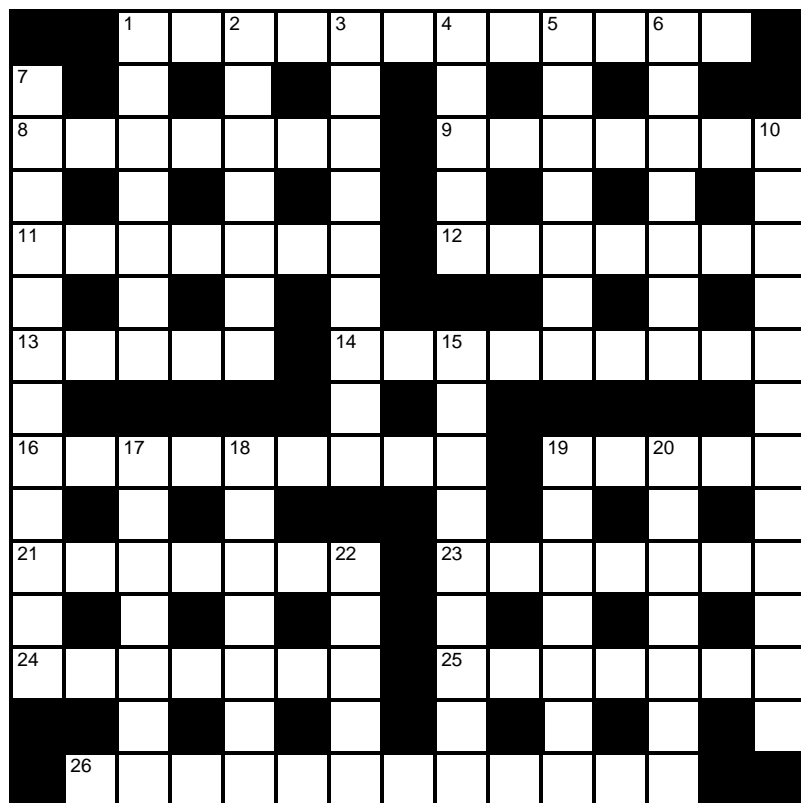
### Across

- 7 They silence very loud piercing equines having inserted dry stuffing (8)
- 9 Gargantuan mother taking initial interest in heavy metal (6)
- 10 Addict sure to reform (4)
- 11 Cicero's boy taking to wealthy Spanish island (6,4)
- 12 Engine driver's audibly very drunk at work (6)
- 14 Sweet novice excluded from practising ritualism (8)
- 15 Arm soldiers rejected from recall (6)
- 16 Rank figure on a different footing (6)
- 19 Getting ready for the sound of a bell after school (8)
- 21 Accentuate weight or anxiety (6)
- 23 Get into wrench business (10)
- 24 Charges hidden in coffee shop (4)
- 25 Do they have a go at hearing? (6)
- 26 Unfinished dessert also known as Greek delicacy (8)

### Down

- 1 Sublime mixture not originally breakfast cereal (6)
- 2 Distant female relative not taking part in safaris (4)
- 3 Sally Spooner's to exchange old for new essentially (8)
- 4 Rock king leaves inferior cut of pork (6)
- 5 Sanction Italian politician on edge with a habit for spin (10)
- 6 Seeds coating specimen fruitcakes (8)
- 8 Shattered lassie - with time for fifty - gets forty winks (6)
- 13 Watches x taking part (10)
- 15 Sauce boat holder associated with artist (8)
- 17 Sat back and played flute - classy! (8)
- 18 Prejudice is detected in megahit (6)
- 20 Mischievous chimp is hassling constituents (6)
- 22 Cunning egghead drowned in Serpentine (6)
- 24 Bind you and me in iron (4)

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### Across

- 1 Dictator joins the pals at sea (6,6)
- 8 Free thinker attending robbery (7)
- 9 Aficionado's delight in unlimited genera (7)
- 11 Dicky eluding humour (7)
- 12 Tearful speaker's college (7)
- 13 Outspoken travel companies (5)
- 14 Regarding finer details, alternatively hit 'Cancel' (9)
- 16 Reportedly neglected your original discernment and declared leader to be 12 (5-4)
- 19 Papa's predecessor's huge limousine (5)
- 21 Anagram sorting error - ed. (7)
- 23 A round building - originally thatched - inside a round building (7)
- 24 Sleep rendering fuzzy (7)
- 25 Reminder to keep pestering leader primarily about reproduction (7)
- 26 Change order to meet a shorter missionary (6,6)

### Down

- 1 Unknown can act with energy (4,3)
- 2 Some crust if lesion closes up (7)
- 3 How to behave towards someone who's treated with outward leniency? (9)
- 4 Superman removes uniform and lets drop an emission (5)
- 5 Postpone first uprising in turbulent Jordan (7)
- 6 Blissful return to Scilly distracts prisoners (7)
- 7 A divorced man interfered with party leader (5,7)
- 10 President arranged loan for revolution (6,6)
- 15 Recreated new Lebanese emblem (5,4)
- 17 Sign for stinger with its tail removed (7)
- 18 Put back home improvements to add satellite receiver language (7)
- 19 Members of panel put costs up eight times (7)
- 20 Fungus lends itself to deliciously inventive dips and starters (7)
- 22 OK, do it, boy! (5)