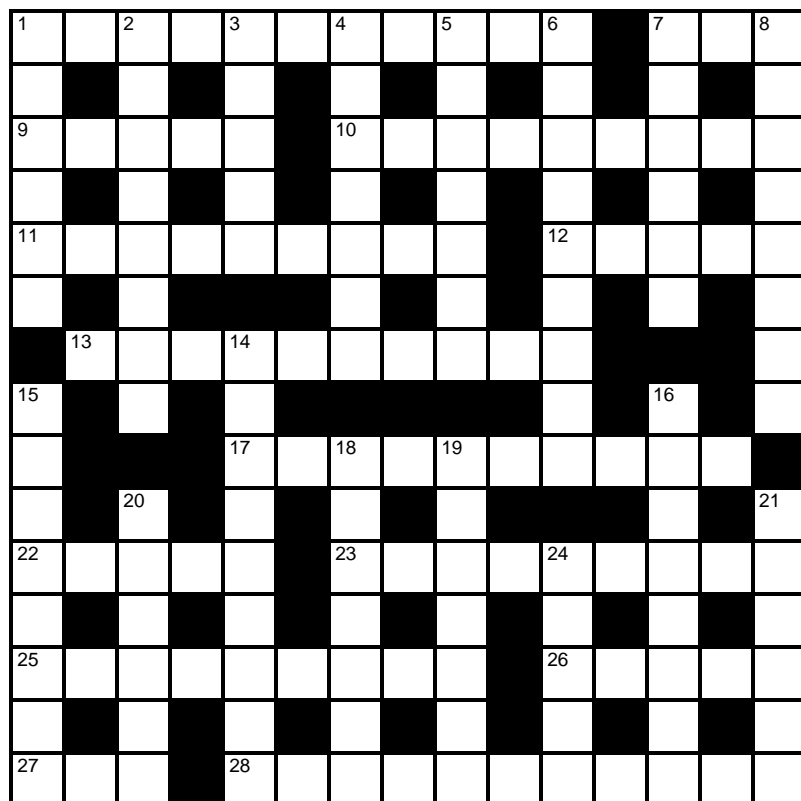


Cryptic Crossword No. 64



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Across

- 1 Sweet guy exchanging introductions standing just in front of the sofa? (6,5)
- 7 Fool is clearly grossly evasive at heart (3)
- 9 Roughly chopped celeriac with useless core discarded (5)
- 10 Regulate power (9)
- 11 Musicians put together alternative cabinet in conjunction with artist (9)
- 12 Meal is essentially still unchanged (5)
- 13 Dr Awkward's word play (10)
- 17 Key found after sailor's discharge (10)
- 22 Remove gold from austere design and put back in place (5)
- 23 Gary is doubly frustrated about second rate argument (4-5)
- 25 Astronaut's covering area with diamonds, perhaps (9)
- 26 Leave following bronze dance (5)
- 27 Biblical character's fate (3)
- 28 Signalling collapse for Spooner's camping equipment (8,3)

Down

- 1 Two firms working to get protective cover (6)
- 2 Ceramic supplied by Ali once, following discharge (8)
- 3 Delete weird answer that's oddly lacking (5)
- 4 Writhed like a pervert (7)
- 5 Polish with Austrian links originally with old New York city (7)
- 6 Let nubile eccentric be in high spirits (9)
- 7 Arrival of the first light cannot begin to provide shelter (6)
- 8 Guard the Lord? (8)
- 14 Lack of suitability as tenpins tumble (9)
- 15 Sheila, sir, perhaps partially brought about retaliation (8)
- 16 Handle raising hit crucifix (8)
- 18 Standing as utter nonsense (7)
- 19 Frivolous at university, so start smoking (5,2)
- 20 Lion taking time to be oblique (6)
- 21 Tennis legend pursuing crazy case for bionic man (6)
- 24 Stick racket being performed (5)