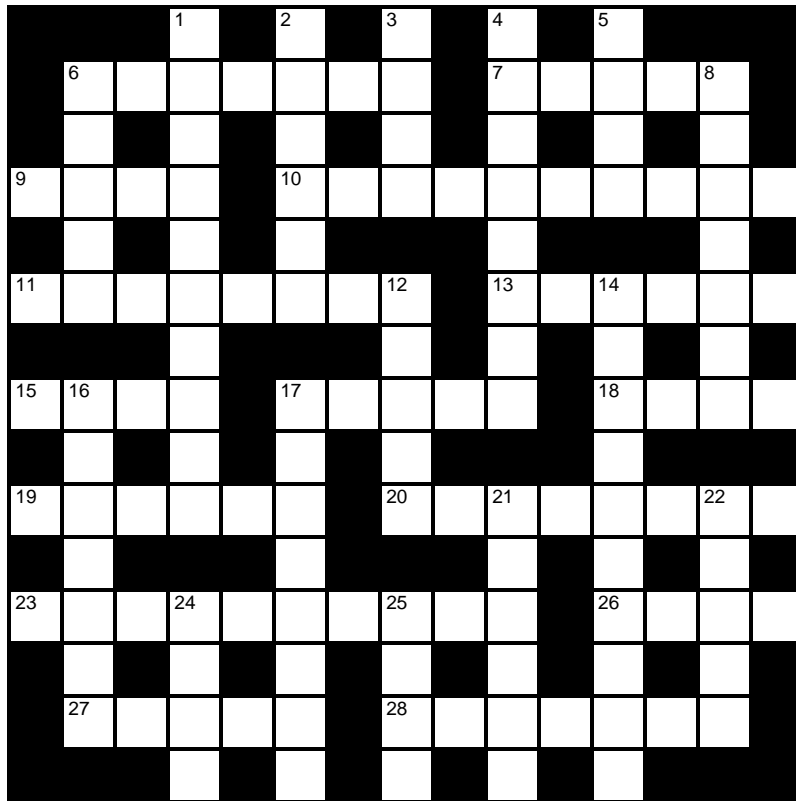


Cryptic Crossword No. 86



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Across

- 6 Incompetent scattering of rubble over mountain top (7)
- 7 I say, are you getting joke about advent? (3-2)
- 9 End with large jump (4)
- 10 Not lacking in concentration, playing instrument (10)
- 11 Fortify setter retiring with soluble tablet (8)
- 13 Greek character overwhelmed by support for computer expert (6)
- 15 Suggestion: assistant head should move to the Far East (4)
- 17 Benefit from a very even facial (5)
- 18 King and (briefly) I met queen (4)
- 19 Criticize something (6)
- 20 Love scoundrel or lionheart makes some music (8)
- 23 Someone who buries attempt to join resistance (10)
- 26 Extremely bothersome to the French lover (4)
- 27 Favoured shopping in delicatessens, every day at first (5)
- 28 Page ten may possibly lead to reward (7)

Down

- 1 Seaweed covers rug after morning mingle (10)
- 2 Bring out some of Israeli citizen's contents (6)
- 3 Re-open nominations after India is inflexible (4)
- 4 Asian relation getting animated (8)
- 5 A French-Italian company (4)
- 6 Ample buttocks astride upset bull (5)
- 8 Spin one around to land on 28 (7)
- 12 Muse over a topical selection (5)
- 14 Old bouncer disposed of the highest class (6,4)
- 16 Exposes the hollowness of French beds (7)
- 17 Peak time to abandon point of view in favour of Liberal leader (8)
- 21 America's top bishop initially oversaw Yemen's only channel (6)
- 22 Unsuitable blend of paint (5)
- 24 Tales of speed dating (4)
- 25 Last of all, unpack the camp gladioli hat (4)