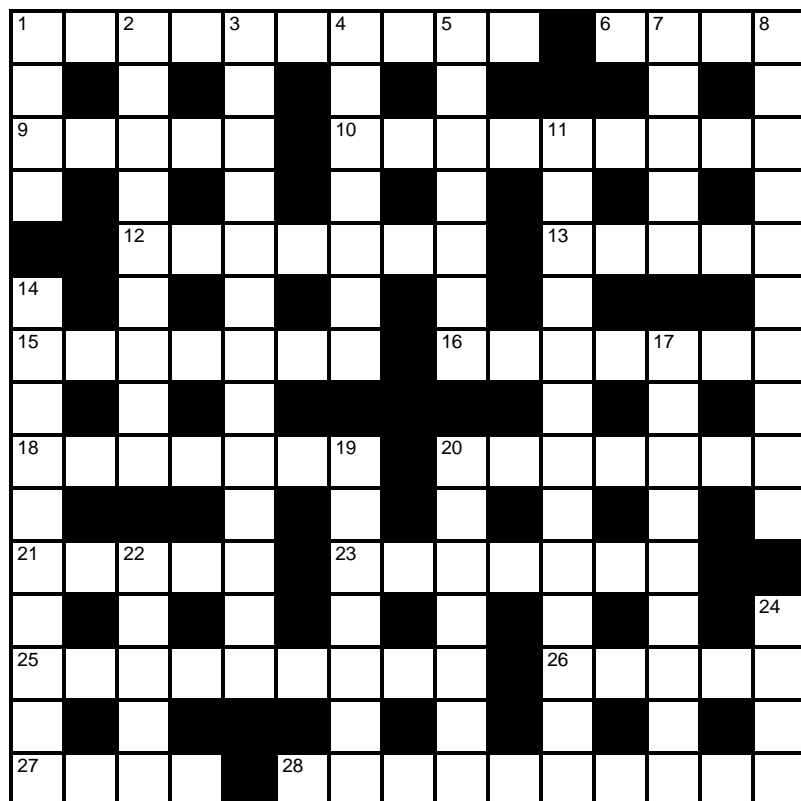


Cryptic Crossword No. 88



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Across

- 1 Believe compact disc with hard core contents is a form of payment (6,4)
- 6 I am shortly to visit Cornwall, perhaps to bathe (4)
- 9 Grumbled about transport (5)
- 10 Check over suspect before finally being compensatory (9)
- 12 Diplomatic climb-down made ten tearful to some extent (7)
- 13 Thinking of those characters (5)
- 15 Put in charge of the intestines (7)
- 16 One who pays immigrant (7)
- 18 Brave head goes to the back to confront evil coppers (3,4)
- 20 Snob put it into menu alongside exquisite starter (7)
- 21 Weird bighead joins a dance (5)
- 23 Grow up oddly and long to paint (7)
- 25 Shabby defensive measure protects the European borders (4-5)
- 26 Corbyn finally enters space where gladiatorial combats are the norm (5)
- 27 Murmur: 'Pawpaw or couscous?' (4)
- 28 You could use it to attach oriental rubbish to broken siren (5,5)

Down

- 1 Some tents are affected (4)
- 2 Pushed through and left covering even spread (9)
- 3 Vague tea-time/dinner arrangement (13)
- 4 Sustained right to be working in trendy surroundings (7)
- 5 Help to put clothes back on (7)
- 7 Ponder orator's approach (5)
- 8 Judge partner to have taken in soldiers with skill, on reflection (10)
- 11 Method of killing a cleric thrice failed (8,5)
- 14 Sky writing? (10)
- 17 They hang around in a gang with me and a couple of queens on Saturday (9)
- 19 Become animated as featherweight receives boost (5,2)
- 20 Extraordinarily unique (but not posh) wheels steer one day in March or September (7)
- 22 Test runner to childish extremes (5)
- 24 Rule governing new grass (4)