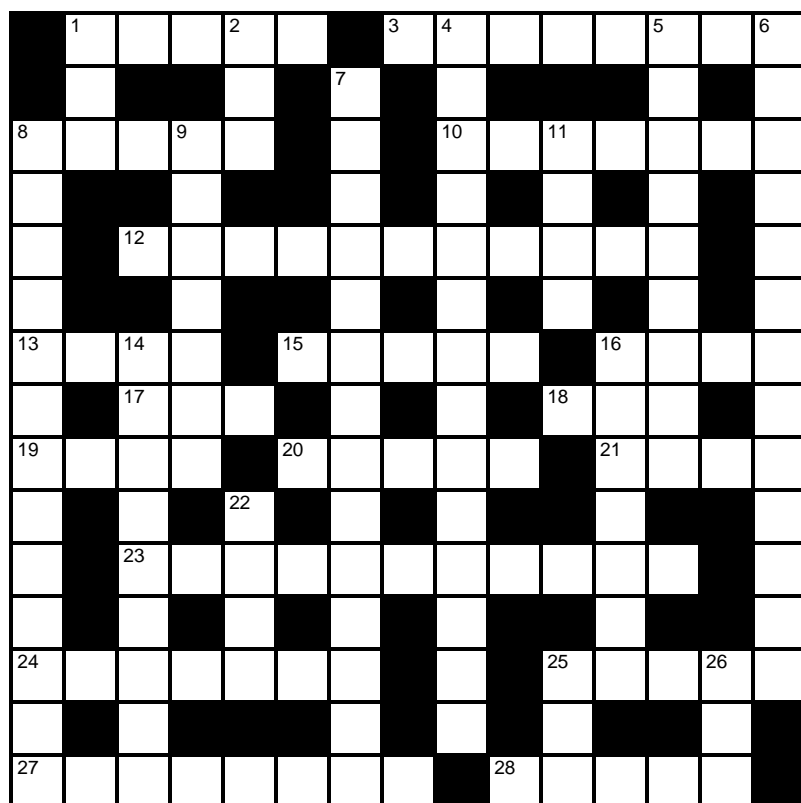


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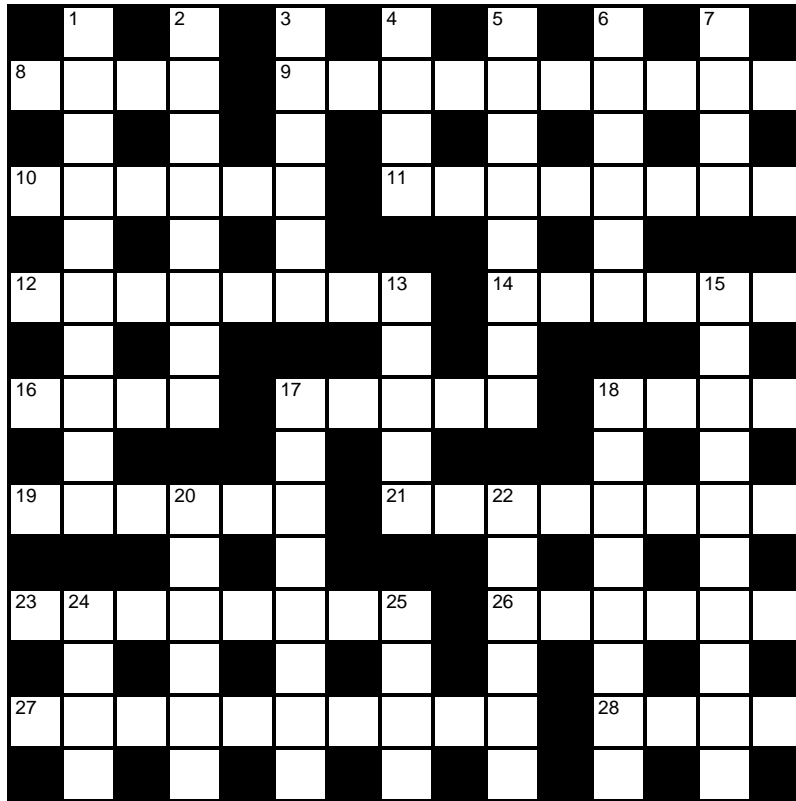
## Across

- 1 Heartbroken sod... (5)
- 3 ...studies southern Channel Islands French in central and eastern Sweden (8)
- 8 Tooth repair: on the monarch's head be it? (5)
- 10 Biased men thrown out of parliament assembly (7)
- 12 Songbird taking to eating twice battered grill (11)
- 13 Honest competition (4)
- 15 Entertain activity before noon? (5)
- 16 Office involving a head of faculty (4)
- 17 Bed's initially caught on tape (3)
- 18 Understand bishop's area of responsibility (3)
- 19 Channel dodged broadcast (4)
- 20 Hotel invested in automatic counter (5)
- 21 Check ebbing tide (4)
- 23 Loving the dead plain heroic treatment (11)
- 24 I twice came across Lear's mad countryman (7)
- 25 Love 13 (5)
- 27 Shut up, dear, interrupting final... (8)
- 28 ...footprint buried in retrospective time capsule (5)

## Down

- 1 Stray belonging to a lady in London, so we hear (3)
- 2 Warrington banishes belligerent lot (3)
- 4 Compound fracture octuple, perhaps (6,8)
- 5 Plant's girl wet herself? (9)
- 6 It's used in photography; otherwise it's irrelevant (6,7)
- 7 Salt sort of discoloured him (6,8)
- 8 It's expired or did an icebox run wild? (6,7)
- 9 Stand that which takes no time (7)
- 11 North African taken up into 28 (4)
- 14 Focused on the Common Market? Weird! (9)
- 16 Regarding flower on Chinese vase (7)
- 22 Caught the man under a pine (4)
- 25 A public servant's current unit (3)
- 26 Mississippi mud, perhaps, that is held under pressure (3)

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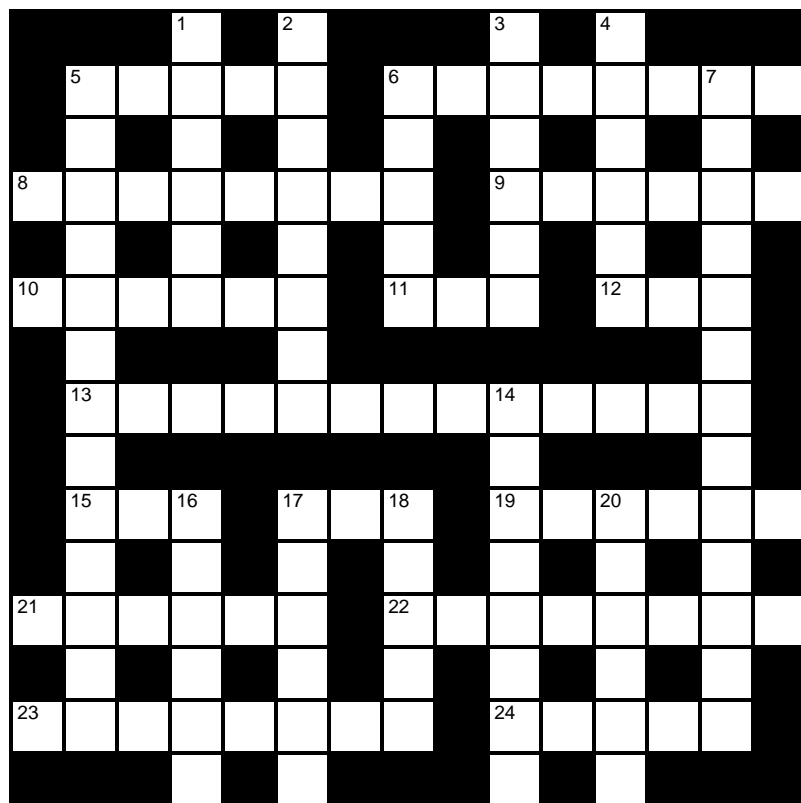
### Across

- 8 Programs broadcast somewhere in church (4)  
 9 Rice cannot wreck instrument (10)  
 10 Secluded spot at the Italian bay (6)  
 11 Narcissism, for example, is associated with leaderless nation (8)  
 12 Gathers to consecrate bedlam - not on! (8)  
 14 Island with a cavalry section (6)  
 16 It's tricky to split this open primarily in the morning (4)  
 17 Loose women brought back guitar (5)  
 18 Earth's odd gravitas (4)  
 19 Song about sailor's peninsula (6)  
 21 Guardian in charge alongside head of automotive plant (8)  
 23 Begin to deal with a very quiet bug (8)  
 26 An old team, athletic at first, disguising breathlessness (6)  
 27 Tutu, perhaps? Bend twice and jump on one foot (10)  
 28 Primarily hips-undulating, legs-akimbo dance! (4)

### Down

- 1 Device translated topical rap (10)  
 2 Letter authenticating original revolutionary source carries little weight (8)  
 3 Stress could be acute (6)  
 4 Preceding pot (4)  
 5 Exercise old boy initially involved in wacky races (8)  
 6 Join regatta challenge part way through (6)  
 7 Objecting to even walnut oil (4)  
 13 Fairy story grips backward country (5)  
 15 Rodent's to make slow progress in refrigerator, we hear (10)  
 17 Liqueur I put into amarita cocktail (3,5)  
 18 Disturbed Gogol wearing outrageous hat in place of the skull (8)  
 20 Woman's lace collar (6)  
 22 Cheap paraging holds back spirit (6)  
 24 Fighter for animal rights at first welcomed by personal assistant (4)  
 25 Ditch LOL! (2-2)

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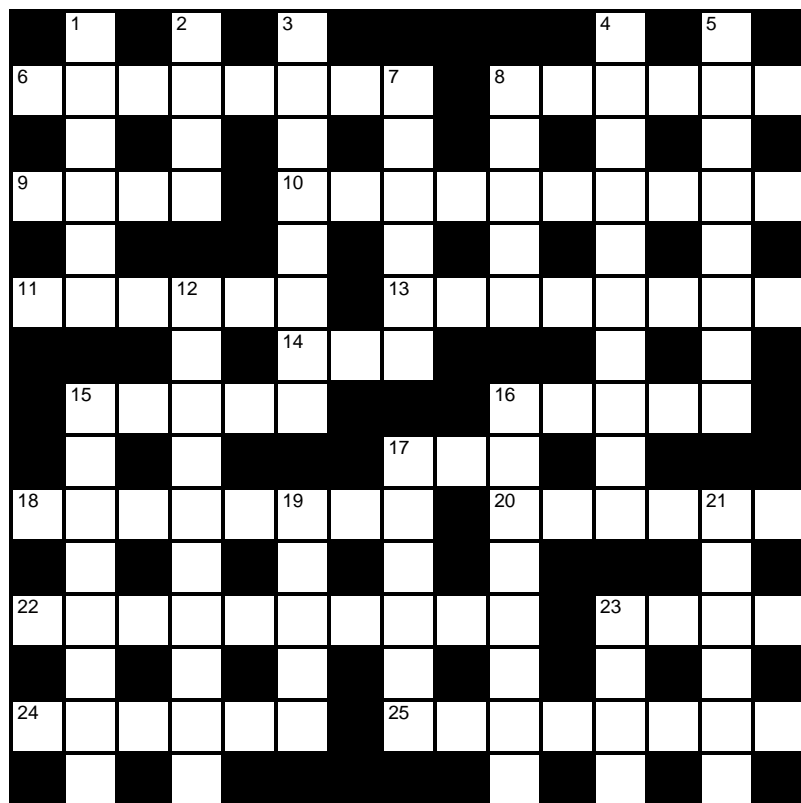
### Across

- 5 Diving costs essentially affecting copper and barium (5)
- 6 It carries legal procedure after legal procedure (8)
- 8 Fluid answer (8)
- 9 Ought to be quiet with ex about you (6)
- 10 A tabletop covered in spotted fabric (6)
- 11 I hear third character gets deep (3)
- 12 Discharge goes back down (3)
- 13 Lack of form strangely pleases heartless outsiders joining head (13)
- 15 Little girl? First and foremost, she is (3)
- 17 Emergency, therefore safety first! (1,1,1)
- 19 Shoot after hollow statutory procedure (6)
- 21 Packet of what sounds like mince (6)
- 22 Ashamed for water's been put back into kebab (8)
- 23 Biological building block to restrict the flow from battery (4,4)
- 24 Scrap diseased herds (5)

### Down

- 1 Stitch is guaranteed to grip you in France (6)
- 2 Pertinence of foreigner entering Swedish church (8)
- 3 Notice Jewish queen soundly sleeping after lunch (6)
- 4 Gathers pen is onboard ship (6)
- 5 Vendor's permit accepted in various stations surrounding hotel (4,9)
- 6 South America's fencing in cavity (5)
- 7 Being kept cool (4-9)
- 14 Feeling about you and me quietly creates tension (8)
- 16 Nietzsche mentioned having theory (6)
- 17 Resolve to exchange money for sweetheart's piece of furniture (6)
- 18 Fibre's on the rise somewhat in cereal, as I said (5)
- 20 Brilliant Djokovic, say, boxing at university (6)

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### Across

- 6 Student rejected by space programme comes before soldier with a justification (8)
- 8 Archives for yearbooks with the middle section torn out (6)
- 9 Supplements oddly missing from candy with dubious wrappers (4)
- 10 Desire a ship radio broadcast (10)
- 11 To the Italian goddess, it's a caustic combination (6)
- 13 Whatever's meagre is devoured by a New York Giant straight away (8)
- 14 Setter's chasing a target (3)
- 15 Passive element caught in cargo nets (5)
- 16 Female relative discussed going after original aromatic spice (5)
- 17 Member's crazy to banish outsiders (3)
- 18 Hamburgers go quickly here at the French ferry storage facility, we hear (8)
- 20 Objective doesn't begin to be certain (6)
- 22 Permits granting entry to room at the start of November? (3,7)
- 23 Viking strips off for personal assistant (4)
- 24 Virtually everyone behind in speech (3,3)
- 25 Let people know about nanny losing surface weight (8)

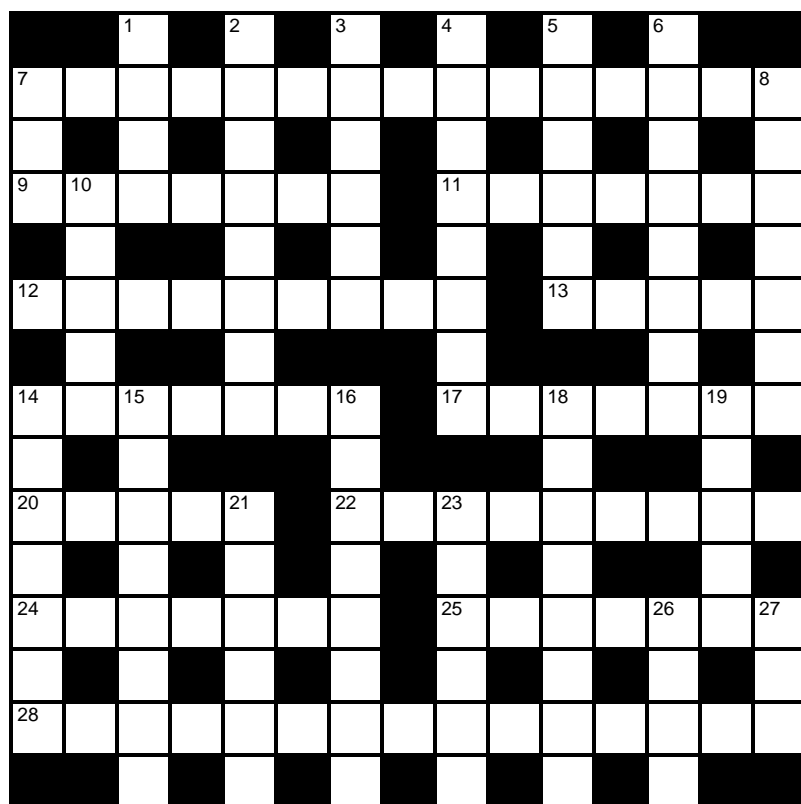
### Down

- 1 Comeuppance for boy and father gaining nothing without a leg to stand on (6)
- 2 Slam corrupt charity (4)
- 3 Cultivated article on somewhere in India and Rhode Island (8)
- 4 Can I thirst perversely for Satan? (10)
- 5 Communion is everything I essentially want with the church (8)
- 7 Retreat because butter contains heroin (6)
- 8 Move in some pain (5)
- 12 Hopalong actively and outwardly became enemy of the English (10)
- 15 A weird literally hollow plant (4,4)
- 16 Jenny in Gateshead after morning collection (8)
- 17 Slang or aphorism gets goat (6)
- 19 Dole out more than enough, by the sound of it (5)
- 21 User's getting into unread dictionary (6)
- 23 Essential component of seaquakes? (4)

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Elementary, my dear...

For Martin



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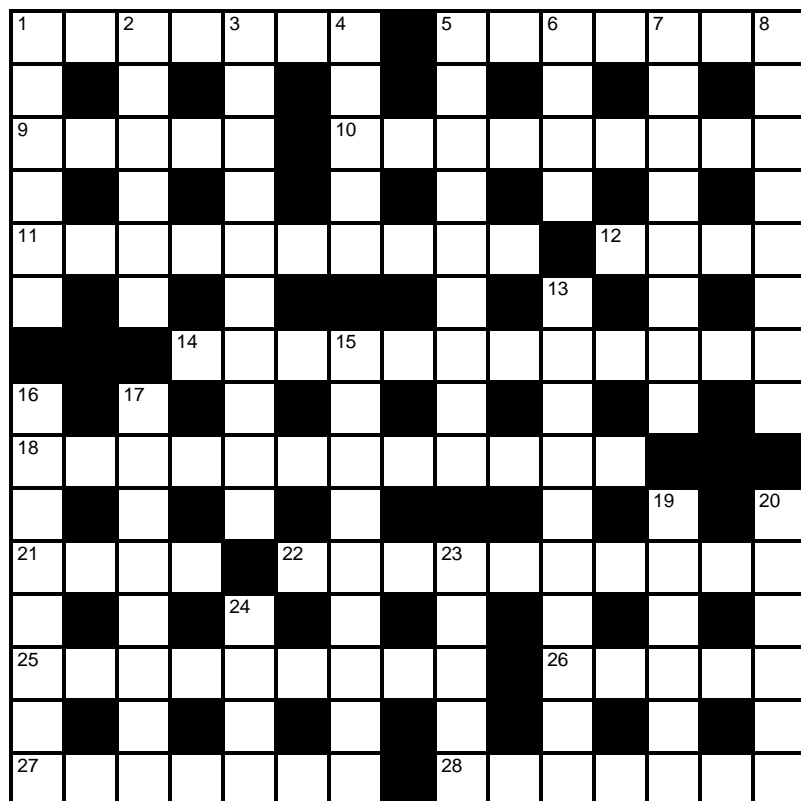
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## Down

## Across

- 1 Mark secret agent (4)  
2 Do away with a door shutting in little brother (8)  
3 Far off meteor (6)  
4 Warn about a time inside soon afterward (8)  
5 Eat after Zeus' lover becomes 14 (6)  
6 Damaging, for example, in domestic surroundings (8)  
7 Derision after losing gold is explosive (1,1,1)  
8 Metal extractor sniffed at Her Majesty (7)  
9 Wavering criminal looter takes 1,000 (7)  
10 Country's river and mountain range (5)  
11 Dubai, say, making me come back angry (7)  
12 Praised former alternative editor (7)  
13 Enemy hiding in temporary accommodation with three binding sites (9)  
14 Sudden crisis for energy agency without a welcoming team (8)  
15 Be way out about sulphur (5)  
16 Farewell, violently looted and evacuated Oslo (6-2)  
17 Initially even allow males to penetrate basic part (7)  
18 Burn cobalt and aluminium for fuel (8)  
19 Uncle having head messed up by argon fuel type (7)  
20 One poem where there could be 22? (5)  
21 Auntie oddly takes on particle (5)  
22 In the grip of rising pheromones? Never again! (2,4)  
23 Burning love comes before kiss I placed on lawyer into suspect (9)  
24 Impress one with new way leading to uptake of lithium (6)  
25 Warm them right through with a lovely cover (7)  
26 Put out when clock's turned back (4)  
27 Come through draw against top player, by the sound of it (7)  
28 Put on fellow (3)  
29 Making greener alternative cars? I'd obtain one! (15)

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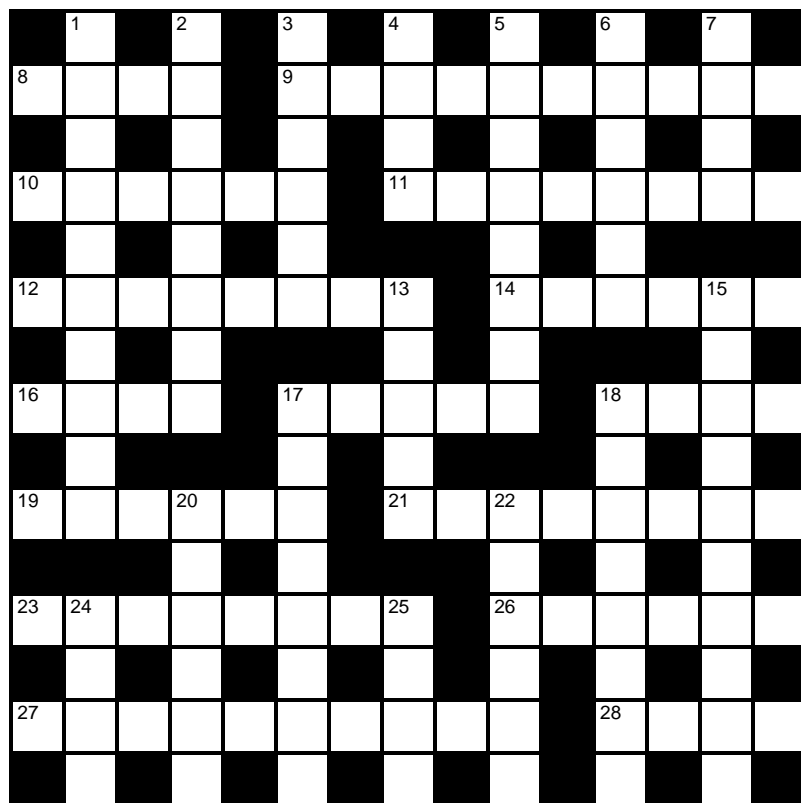
### Across

- 1/7 His nephew's cries brought about rumours (7,8)  
 5 Column about human resources or shot putter, perhaps? (7)  
 9 Jargon befuddling open prisoners (5)  
 10 Actor's of French equivalence before French god (9)  
 11 Strange map repositioned stars (10)  
 12 Finally take up the ultimate weapon (4)  
 14 Reprint items originally read wrongly (12)  
 18 Gloss in two different languages? (6,6)  
 21 Leaders of every trading nation attended summit (4)  
 22 Made connections as I coasted around (10)  
 25 Delay police investigation after a change of heart (9)  
 26 Artist adds 502 arm parts (5)  
 27/8 Foreign tour neutralises game of risk (7,8)  
 28 Basic fencing around good man's paradise (7)

### Down

- 1 Radical I photographed capturing leader (6)  
 2 Batting period's making headway after loss of opener (6)  
 3 Bigheads, for example, in Asian countries seem initially to embrace another Asian country (10)  
 4 Better tree (5)  
 5 Form came into contact with aluminium alloy (4,5)  
 6 Bloody scarce (4)  
 7 See 1 Across  
 8 See 27 Across  
 13 Supports Serbia's free and unlimited press (10)  
 15 Inspire little fiend and fool with itchy top on (9)  
 16 Criminal's not on target with the Queen (8)  
 17 Brings back together wayward retinues (8)  
 19 Way one of Verdi's operas lifts arenas (6)  
 20 Something unusual is not even unknown about it (6)  
 23 Oscar meets a French church cat (5)  
 24 Objector is against extracting gas willy-nilly (4)

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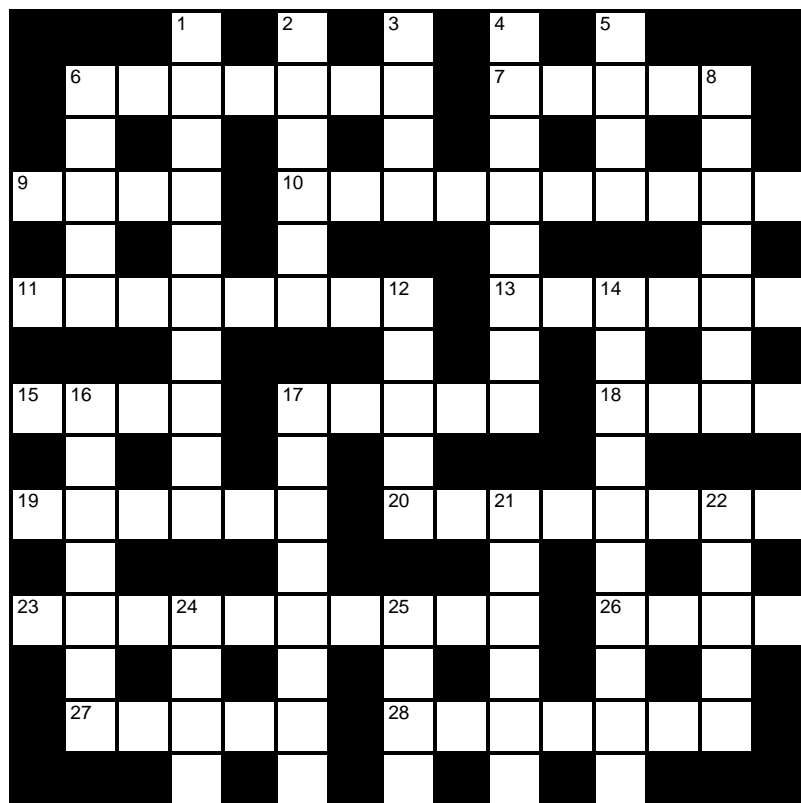
### Across

- 8 Put back plans for junk mail (4)
- 9 Test side gets bonus (6-4)
- 10 Document South Carolina register (6)
- 11 Love extremes of grammar covered by journalists gaining advancement (8)
- 12 Spotted nag making a stand (8)
- 14 Relatives in Los Angeles West and South (2-4)
- 16 Court shrugging off fool's volume (4)
- 17 Extremist captured by vengeful traditionalists (5)
- 18 Quarries stones (4)
- 19 Swallows entertaining alien falsifications (6)
- 21 Playing as mature sportspeople (8)
- 23 Wise man brought about a fly's destruction (8)
- 26 Do they come in closer second? (6)
- 27 Figure takes time to accept rule for legislation (7,3)
- 28 Hand over ticket (4)

### Down

- 1 Butcher slices a pie to show expertise (10)
- 2 Charmer in criminal heist keeping low (8)
- 3 Vendor's store by the sound of it (6)
- 4 Flow passes water backwards (4)
- 5 Flour is no meal substitute (8)
- 6 Wind tears up a vertical tail (6)
- 7 Work out ship's carrying you and me (4)
- 13 Minor actor essential to sex trade (5)
- 15 Salad for catholic wearing ridiculous sweaters (10)
- 17 Wise guys see positives with loose women (8)
- 18 Exercises little dogs seen around about ship (5-3)
- 20 Posh and mad about old submersibles (1-5)
- 22 Permits for birds leaving Cornwall? (6)
- 24 Narrates even fields of study (4)
- 25 Fish feels topless (4)

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## Across

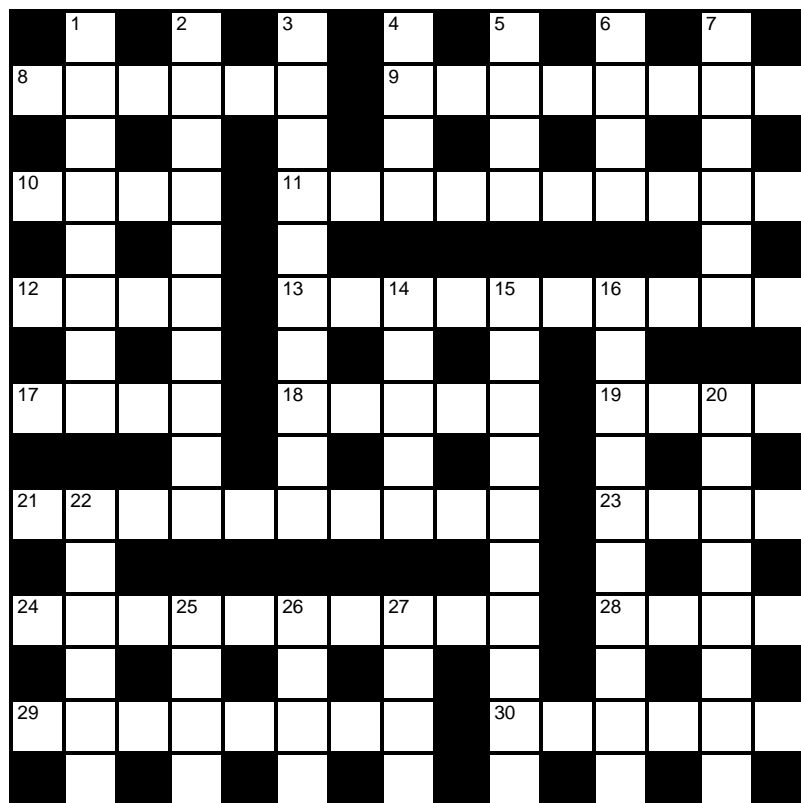
- 6 Confused ignorami forgetting name of oriental art form (7)
- 7 Checks rules for the listener (5)
- 9 Knock out some klutz on ketamine (4)
- 10 French thinker's overwhelmed by heartless tax collections prior to marriage (10)
- 11 Test size ingredients are most piquant (8)
- 13 Wild cat crushing a redhead's voice box (6)
- 15 Ugly sister left Italian cheese for writer (4)
- 17 Private meal but no starter (5)
- 18 German thinker's scores read out (4)
- 19 Some crazy decorator makes music (6)
- 20 Miscellaneous extras gobbling up levy (8)
- 23 Daft Liza go loco about animals (10)
- 26 Top ten mimic going first (4)
- 27 Host called out "1,100" once (5)
- 28 Perceived me and left riding toboggan (7)

## Down

- 1 Women in charge of building get teak door (6,4)
- 2 Engineer the French framework (6)
- 3 Drunk whisky in open top (4)
- 4 He grapples with sleep to get inwardly alert (8)
- 5 Better half wants capital whenever married to egghead (4)
- 6 Down Under, taking ecstasy gas (5)
- 8 Turns around taking in Tyneside's beauty (7)
- 12 They grab hold of clothes including nylon top (5)
- 14 Have confidence about score: top grades, unexpectedly (10)
- 16 Overhead shade covering unknowns: brocade or velour, perhaps, but not canvas (7)
- 17 Dull sarcasm about forthcoming junior dance finals (4-4)
- 21 Shout above hoisted rope system (6)
- 22 One point in the lead (5)
- 24 Left a charity case with all the trimmings (4)
- 25 Some politicians' yesmen getting comfortable (4)



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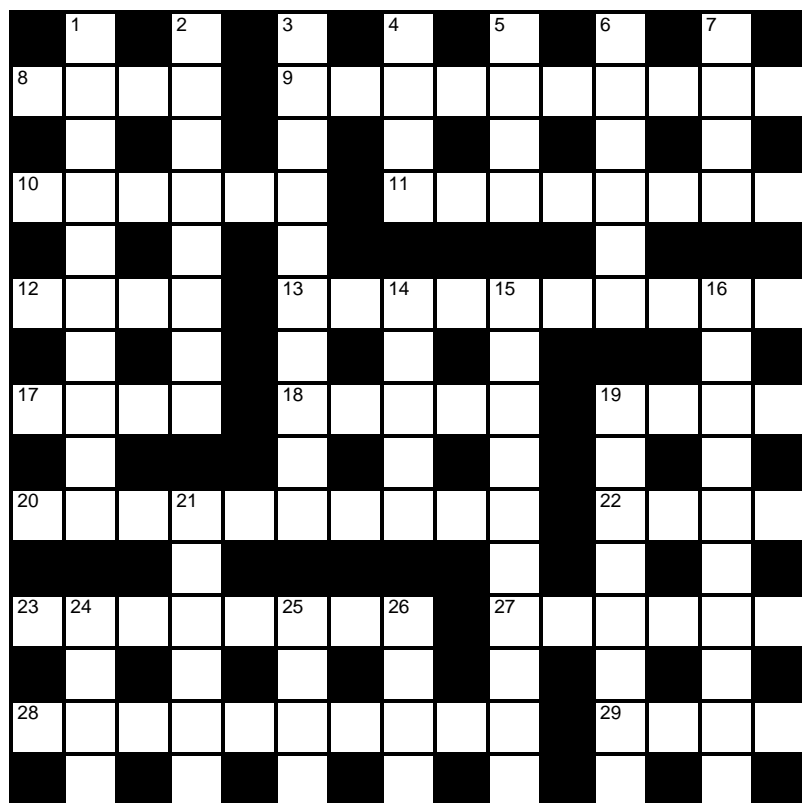
### Across

- 8 Gold on state coach (6)
- 9 Mesmerising final journey on ships at sea (8)
- 10 Reverberation covered up by the choir (4)
- 11 Own net used with dextrous hand on occasion (3,3,4)
- 12 Charge about America (4)
- 13 Earth mum is transmitting disease (10)
- 17 Released without charge (4)
- 18 Cover up the prisoners' break out (5)
- 19 Stylish girl scratching bottom (4)
- 21 Flat estimate prepared about working (10)
- 23 Fine or sanction? (4)
- 24 Least complete but possibly most picturesque (10)
- 28 Digital photo? Impressive! (4)
- 29 Present twice to the audience? Agreed! (4,4)
- 30 Clutch sounded soaked (6)

### Down

- 1 Explosive flare protecting criminal birdman (8)
- 2 Head supports overdraft and debts being monstrous (10)
- 3 Plant to manage Swiss capital fraudulently with American banks (6,4)
- 4 Warm up inside with a whisky (4)
- 5 Italian flower concealed by French one above (4)
- 6 Nothing at the moment is on time (4)
- 7 Ducks out of strange desire (6)
- 14 Rejoice in sex ultimately (5)
- 15 She's expecting my first separate time order (6-2-2)
- 16 Teach me rot about measuring instrument (10)
- 20 Thinks setter's a spirit with case of enteritis (8)
- 22 Footwear sample stank lethally (6)
- 25 Some martyr executed on the wheel? (4)
- 26 Tilt part of foot (4)
- 27 Count those ultra-popular full bottoms (4)

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## Across

- 8 Father goes by open top rail (4)
- 9 Projectile is withdrawn with no counter argument (10)
- 10 Queen's daughter and former husband turning left wing (6)
- 11 Cooked pepper sprinkled around a dead end (8)
- 12 Tailender leaving crease to make appeal (4)
- 13 Crows knelt around officials (4,6)
- 17 Worn out after garrotting leader or... (4)
- 18 They unite the centre and outside heads of reinsurance and direct investment infrastructures (5)
- 19 Rod rejected advice (4)
- 20 Redhead criticises flipped biscuit (10)
- 22 Pronounced dead, but having an unnatural colour (4)
- 23 Unquestioning follower of setter's mind or matter (8)
- 27 Cipher with only the head? (6)
- 28 Good skin complexion which keeps starting to shimmer? You might need to put your nose here to get it! (10)
- 29 Look the other way! Cotton on? (4)

## Down

- 1 Big gun welcomes the Spanish student with starter of Italian pasta (10)
- 2 House with flipping draw back (8)
- 3 Explorer coming to old town with hesitation (10)
- 4 Request for a response after this Chekhov codswallop ends (1,1,1,1)
- 5 Instrument's reported as stolen goods (4)
- 6 Flight is oddly easy over headland (6)
- 7 Tender love is making a comeback (4)
- 14 Expand Germany into German-speaking Vienna (5)
- 15 Alien mice zap hen and ape (10)
- 16 Tense situations for cunning geek cracking fiend's code (5-5)
- 19 Facial hair is not the mainstream, perhaps (8)
- 21 Twins incarcerated by savage minions (6)
- 24 Reverse wagon nearly a metre (4)
- 25 Record two-fifths of 9 (4)
- 26 Consent not given, maybe, for hideout (4)