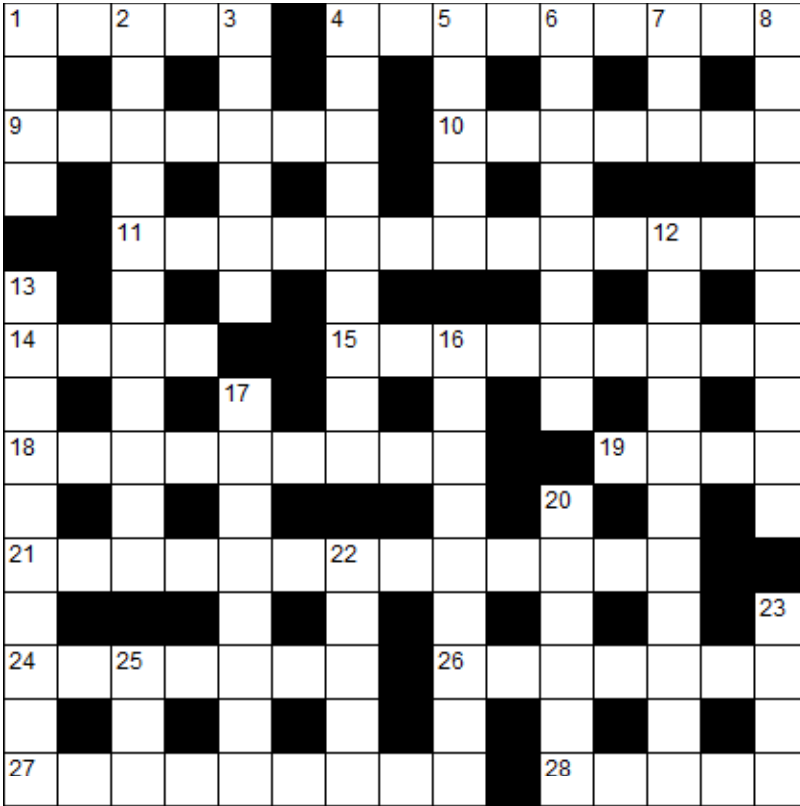


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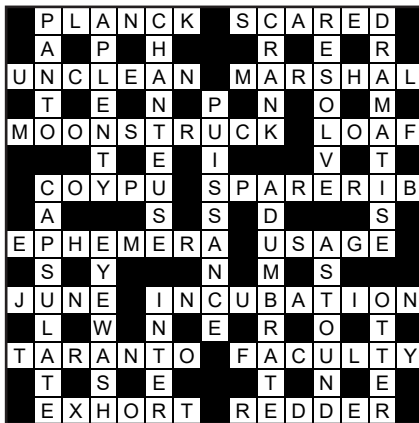
- 1 Store took a lot of booze back (5)
- 4 Short time, almost too short for bike racing (9)
- 9 Horror of King and Queen being infected (7)
- 10 Maybe King's or Queen's saddle on horse's back (7)
- 11 New air hostess jogged for fitness on transatlantic trip, perhaps (13)
- 14 American sailors docked in Middle Eastern port (4)
- 15 Residents come to mind being fed pudding with spades (9)
- 18 Quarter of London church during a mass contains women (9)
- 19 Fall road trip heading for red leaves (4)
- 21 Ray stole jewellery including diamonds for sport (13)
- 24 Rather ruins tea dunking sandwiches (7)
- 26 Virginia played without Charlie after Charlie left (7)
- 27 Foul dank creek completely drained (9)
- 28 Helen's second husband runs forward in doubles (5)

DOWN

- 1 One down comes from nought (4)
- 2 IKEA reports wobbly reconstruction behind the curtain (11)
- 3 A western island NATO mostly protects? On the contrary (6)
- 4 Maiden bowed before sweet explorer (5,4)
- 5 Unspoken magnetic attraction keeps returning (5)
- 6 Name one work by English female that's inspiring (8)
- 7 Encouragement for Ballesteros, perhaps, if his target lacks aspiration? (3)
- 8 Flight tires out relative (10)
- 12 Venus usually gave tennis shot a bit of rage (7,4)
- 13 Length of a light tie attracts criticism (10)
- 16 Elaborate fraud attempted; Victor's taken in by it (9)
- 17 Audio equipment to bug the fifth floor? (4,4)
- 20 Slight difficulty listening to bumpkin going on (6)
- 22 Class seconds from homework tries addition very grudgingly (5)
- 23 An operating system's troubles (4)
- 25 Spring ultimately comes every year (3)

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