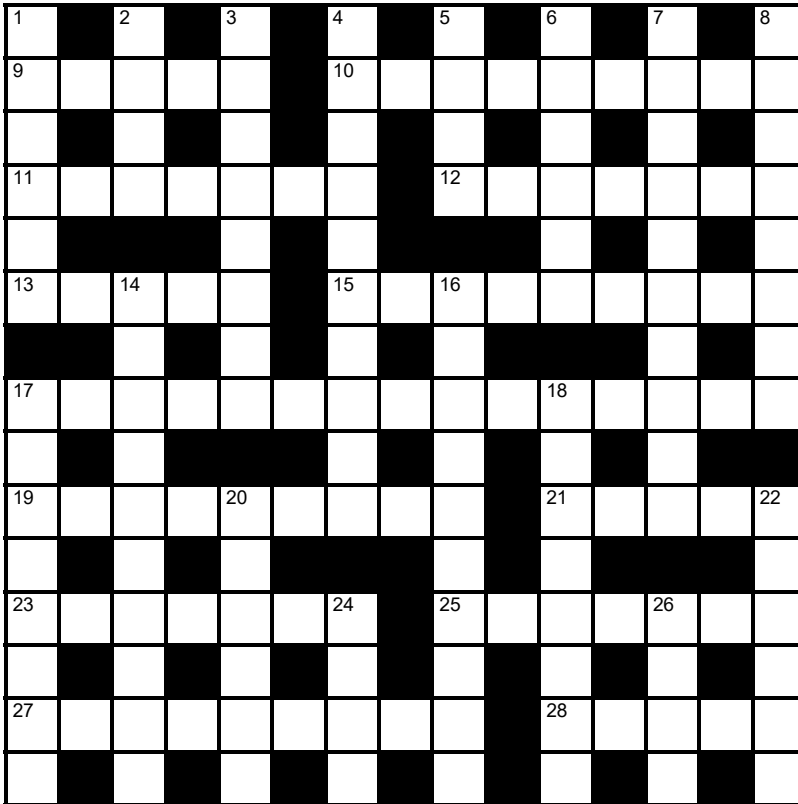


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 9 Behind award for cycling (5)
 10 Papal ambassador backing revision of Catholic union (9)
 11 Extol Anglo-Albanian singer, one succumbing to pressure, making a comeback (7)
 12 Finding this newspaper outside shelter, journalist moved rapidly (7)
 13 Test case essentially linked to *Express* (5)
 15 Ireland, e.g. after Reformation, divided on a new basis (9)
 17 Apparel taken by old foe unexpectedly depressed Puck (5,10)
 19 Chicken today went badly (9)
 21 Shiatsu techniques holding back stellar group (5)
 23 Inauspicious and ordinary, diminished by stifling love (7)
 25 Second onlooker losing specs when changing in Tube? (7)
 27 Conductor's back to work line before broadcast of *Mikado*? (9)
 28 Composer left mobbed by crowd (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fruit and nuts, for the most part (6)
 2 Rob and Mike dividing blame (4)
 3 Keep calm partner heading towards something (6,2)
 4 Plant and wider rocks in pool, perhaps (10)
 5 Hang around block (4)
 6 Partially exhume rib bones (6)
 7 Tax lost by country delaying last of fiscal books (4,3,3)
 8 Yard gatecrashes rank party with hubbub (8)
 14 Run into general absorbed by puzzle about Captain Nemo? (10)
 16 Speakers in sideboard included in promotions (10)
 17 Startles, pressing hooter such as crew might use? (8)
 18 Electrician extremely reluctant to break cover of cassette deck (8)
 20 Loose excrement picked up in flat (6)
 22 Leaves seaport north of Sweden (6)
 24 Agile agent crossing river (4)
 26 Terms of special licence overseen by state channel (4)

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Solution 17,429



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