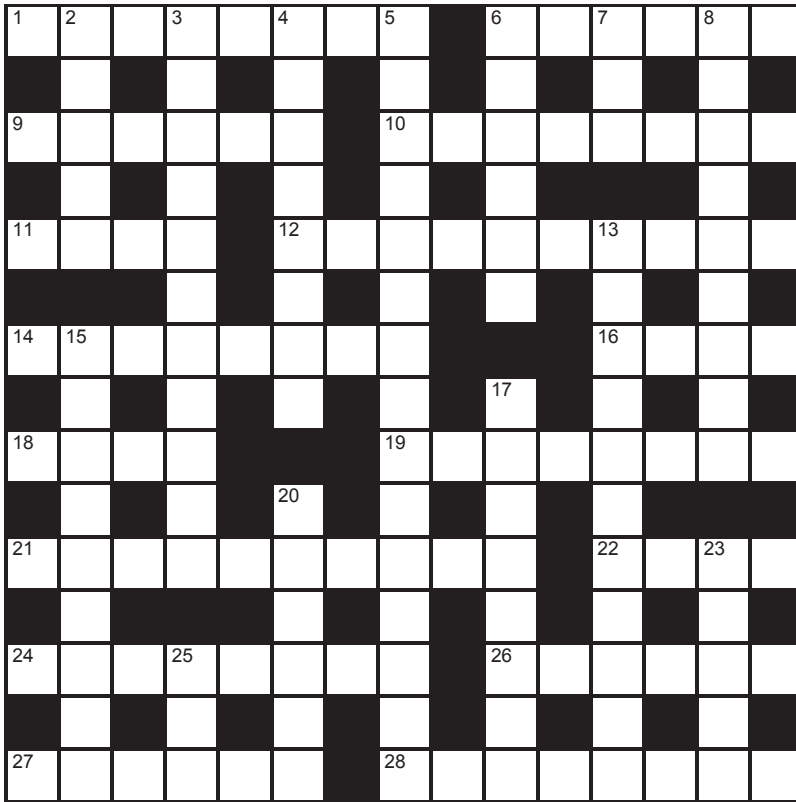


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Time to acquire Zola's work, ignoring the beginning and the end (8)
- 6 Pals? That's not right! (6)
- 9 Company supports venomous types (6)
- 10 The French fellow having setback, ending with female unspecified (8)
- 11 Former ruler making mess – rebels ultimately to the fore (4)
- 12 Their idol's bombarded – protection from mob needed (4,6)
- 14, 20 Government unit that could show nervous ardency (8,6)
- 16 Rubbish from hot drunk rolling over (4)
- 18 Unwelcome messages – 14, 20 produces the reverse of that (4)
- 19 Stick out as moralist penning drivell (8)
- 21 Voices of him and her maybe outside church (10)
- 22 More than one troublemaker is nabbing member of the House (4)
- 24 Spirit of France maybe (3,2,3)
- 26 See 2
- 27 Top people attempt to go after the dope (6)
- 28 Chopped up fish in hut (8)

DOWN

- 2, 26 Yesteryear's politician, Conservative one upset over bad situation prisoner is found in (5,6)
- 3 Ethel the singer gets to sing aboard ship (11)
- 4 Ornament shows finch dipping into drink (4-4)
- 5 Make a heap of money? No stockpile seen, surprisingly (4,4,7)
- 6 Suffer great hunger in the morning, wanting eg sardines brought round (6)
- 7 Length of cloth, yellow, frayed at the edges (3)
- 8 Land of the dead unable to receive visitors, it's revealed (9)
- 13 Italian team struggle midweek – was the manager this after the match? (11)
- 15 Agent with nothing great bungled presentation of news (9)
- 17 One talks and gripes so unreasonably (8)
- 20 See 14
- 23 Beans and peas and suchlike may be taken for health reasons (5)
- 25 Lady's name shortened? What's the point? (3)

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