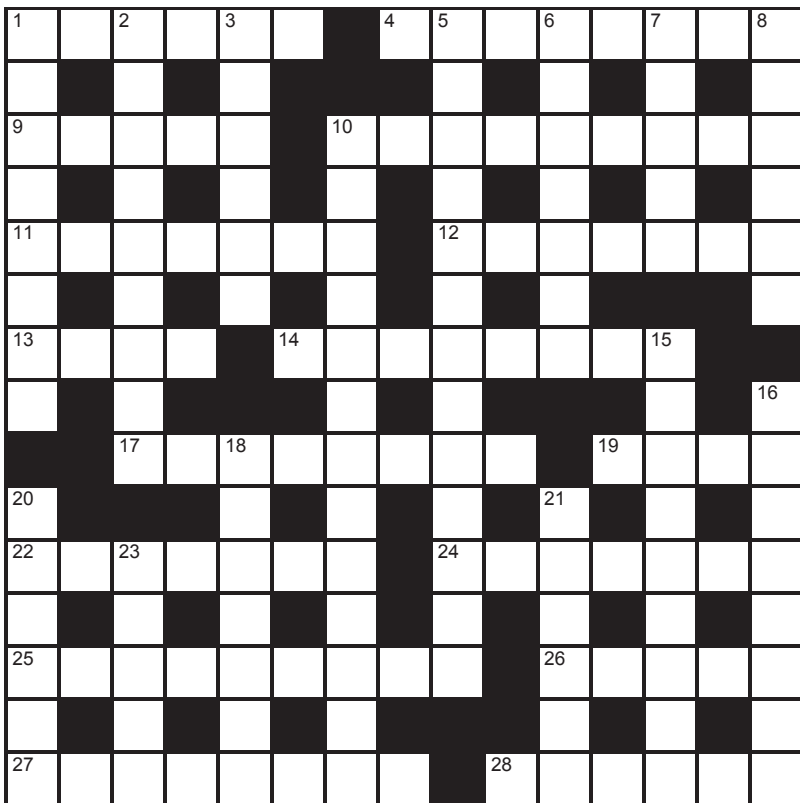


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1, 10 Attendants dig Italian wines out (6-2-7)
- 4 Rest ordered to protect long sewer (8)
- 9 Month in advance (5)
- 10 See 1
- 11 Little water fowl back to meet obstruction (7)
- 12 Chicken roll containing nothing (7)
- 13 Composer's pen (4)
- 14 In restaurant's fine-ground stimulant (8)
- 17 Old rhyme about house – one outside Oxford? (8)
- 19 Flesh-eating monster making some progress (4)
- 22 Initial opportunity (7)
- 24 Returning hero knows Scots writer (7)
- 25 Dolly perhaps bringing female inside temple (9)
- 26 Spanish banker clutching at relationship (5)
- 27 Championship secured in final with style? (8)
- 28 Excitable thing in north going after new money (6)

DOWN

- 1 Spooner's Lady Fortune for company in trouble (4,4)
- 2 Operas at Bayreuth occasion bold action (7-2)
- 3 Prince Henry in river having to breathe out (6)
- 5 Wooden floor collapsed in Tennessee building (5,2,6)
- 6 Capital made by Republican taking hint about oil supply (7)
- 7 One in crowd offers lift (5)
- 8 View communist eating fish (6)
- 10 Pigheadedness a sign in recent changes (13)
- 15 Scrambling device used in Yankee helicopter (9)
- 16 Might we soon need this one as pot boils? (8)
- 18 Essence contained in letter backing Lackland's one (7)
- 20 Body Romeo dragged into thicket (6)
- 21 Rare fright catching cold (6)
- 23 One partial to fish, Ruth having no starter (5)

JOTTER PAD

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