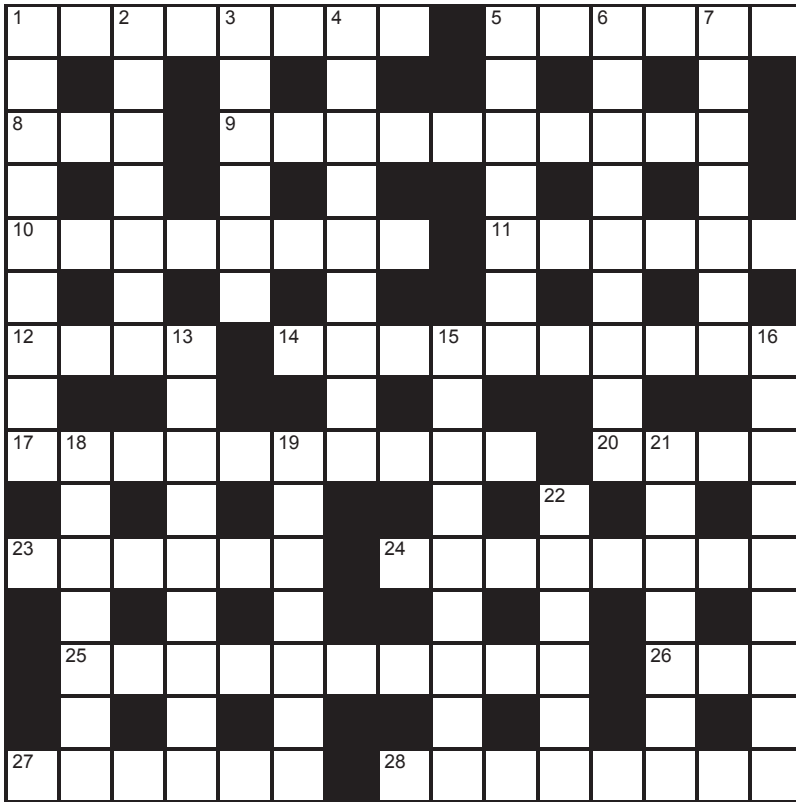


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Disdain, as against sweet talk (8)
- 5 Person given time to go round shop (6)
- 8 On return achieved victory right away (3)
- 9 Super environment for new pupils? (5-5)
- 10 Label meant somehow to be attached to wild animal (8)
- 11 John and Edward stripped (6)
- 12 Some African sounds in headphones (4)
- 14 Father so furious with us shows propensity to lose temper (1,5,4)
- 17 The right expression for Napoleon? (2,3,5)
- 20 University year's beginning with booze (4)
- 23 Humble cleric entertaining your setter? (6)
- 24 Opening is possible with fastener loosened (8)
- 25 What helps Oxford to shine? (4,6)
- 26 Measure of acidity one found in Greek character (3)
- 27 Wearing glad rags and ready to go? (2,4)
- 28 This nonconformist (DV) may be newly saved, converted (8)

DOWN

- 1 Minister I term mostly authoritative (9)
- 2 Journalist making various points, several inadequately (7)
- 3 Flowery English female opening gala (6)
- 4 Step into City University side by side (4,5)
- 5 Armour as something that gives way? (7)
- 6 Insect to keep going a long time? Crafty! (9)
- 7 Leader of Girl Guides who could seem over-effusive? (7)
- 13 Space by furnace to store fuel, by the sound of it? (9)
- 15 Secretly occupying a space at the meal table? (2,3,4)
- 16 Height of joy ever only half grasped (9)
- 18 US writer coming out, not the first person (7)
- 19 Environmentalist revealing evergreen shrub (7)
- 21 A superior girl who achieved eminence in examination (7)
- 22 Third man, not the first, to be seen outside the chapel (6)

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