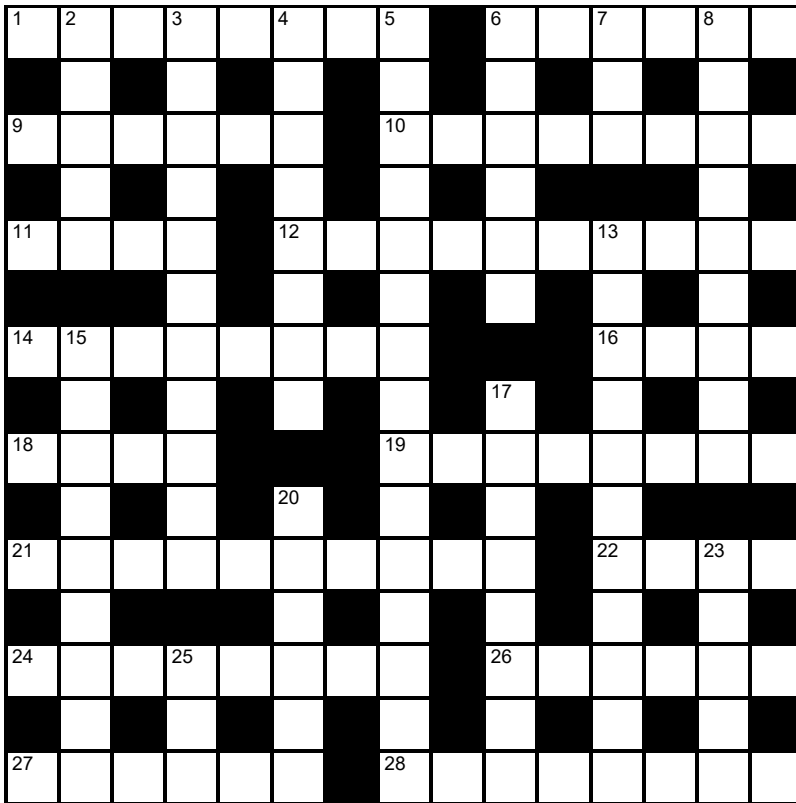


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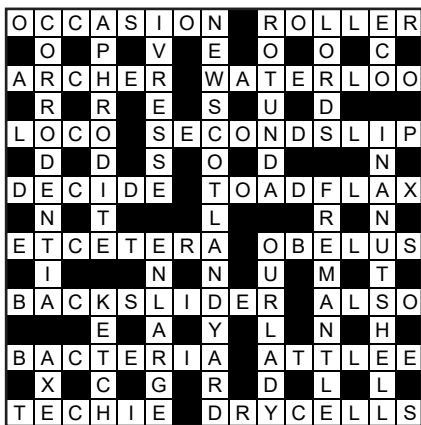
- 1 Exiled bishop disappeared scratching head (8)
- 6 Wild herb carpets outside of villa (6)
- 9 One has shot with iron between hands (6)
- 10 Hid case of some diamonds on island (8)
- 11 Pronounced conceited streak (4)
- 12 Controlling hens with grains scattered around (10)
- 14 Choose to accept period in charge of musical show (8)
- 16 Fine book many regularly ignored (4)
- 18 Out of shape needing runs to be brought forward (4)
- 19 Entertainer in street not alien in 1050 (8)
- 21 Great pub I recalled in mind, bar close to heart (10)
- 22 River crossed by unclothed local swimmer (4)
- 24 Nobbled gaoler receiving pressure; fellow's opening vault (8)
- 26 Maybe diamonds and gold interested chap (6)
- 27 Olympian great, he naturally boxes (6)
- 28 Was monarch bearing son passive? (8)

DOWN

- 2 A sprinkler came into activity (5)
- 3 Youngster army trained, new soldier (11)
- 4 Protective covers shielding road in excavation with stone coming up (4,4)
- 5 Regional boss of detective, comparatively tough, catching guy with silver (8,7)
- 6 Label with time passing becomes weaker (6)
- 7 Endlessly wind angled object (3)
- 8 Fruit not mature? Check, we're told (9)
- 13 Failing torch in smog faulty (11)
- 15 Manuscript pieces found under church in passage (9)
- 17 Review disrupted Malaysians after mother leaves (8)
- 20 I'm uncertain on second-class express to north Italian region (6)
- 23 Inlet encloses tip of lugged bulb section (5)
- 25 Pierre's wrong to skip meal (3)

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