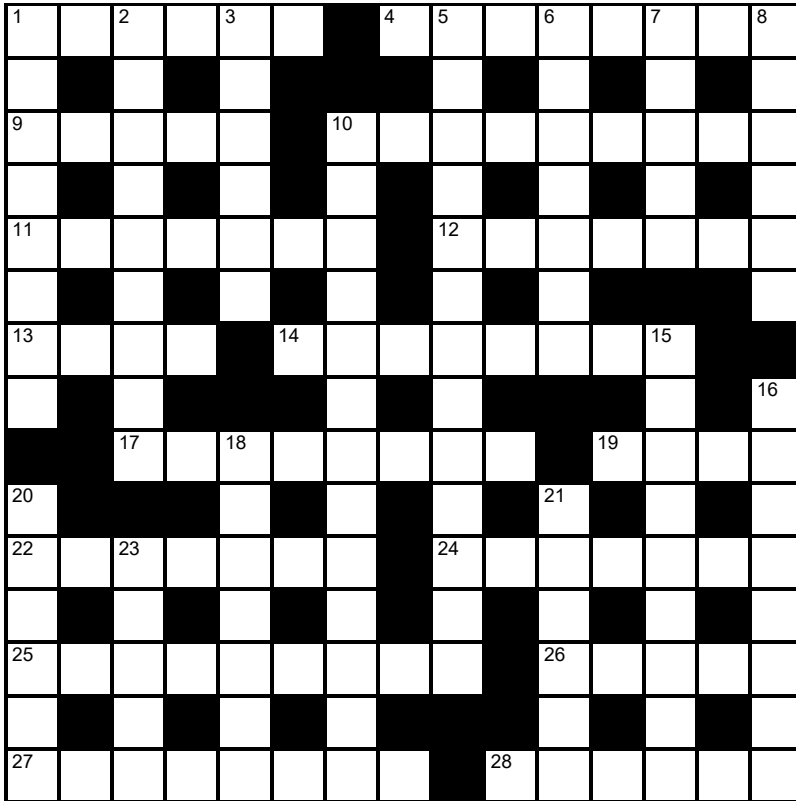


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Wander around China having taken year off? (6)
 4 Predicament introduced by advertisement for outlet in Bath (8)
 9/23 Temptation for woman to touch her partner's prominent male feature (5,5)
 10 Inhospitable place was last to support African natives (9)
 11 Starting to develop North American track (7)
 12 Legally binding summary of policeman's position? (2,5)
 13 Nose largely destroyed with white powdery substance (4)
 14 Genuinely gifted athlete is extremely committed (4-4)
 17 Like article appearing in unbalanced newspaper's front-page piece (8)
 19 Victor possibly starts to hold up game (4)
 22 Fail to attend meeting with Nationalists about Unionists (5,2)
 24 One gets upset in row to do with pride (7)
 25 Blame account and notes for creditors keen to make a killing? (9)
 26 Writer's flimsy material rejected (5)
 27 Integer radius fixed circular region of plane? (4,4)
 28 Gather profitable enterprise has lost leader for good (6)

DOWN

- 1 Heartless panellist could be seen as most unfair? (8)
 2 Partners in favour of boarding public transport to commute (9)
 3 Objective to limit fat mostly succeeded (6)
 5 Aimless rebel's stirring tale of revolution (3,10)
 6 Happy, uplifting experience wearing drag (7)
 7 Series hosted by millionaire is being broadcast (2,3)
 8 Journalist stops working for revolutionary movements (6)
 10 Book makes weaker cases with it (9,4)
 15 Game used in version of book learning (9)
 16 One wanting to have trees cultivated? (8)
 18 I scared nervous passenger travelling here (7)
 20 Liveliness of mischievous individual with heightened energy (6)
 21 Old, old book about source of Jesus's wine? (6)
 23 See 9 Across

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