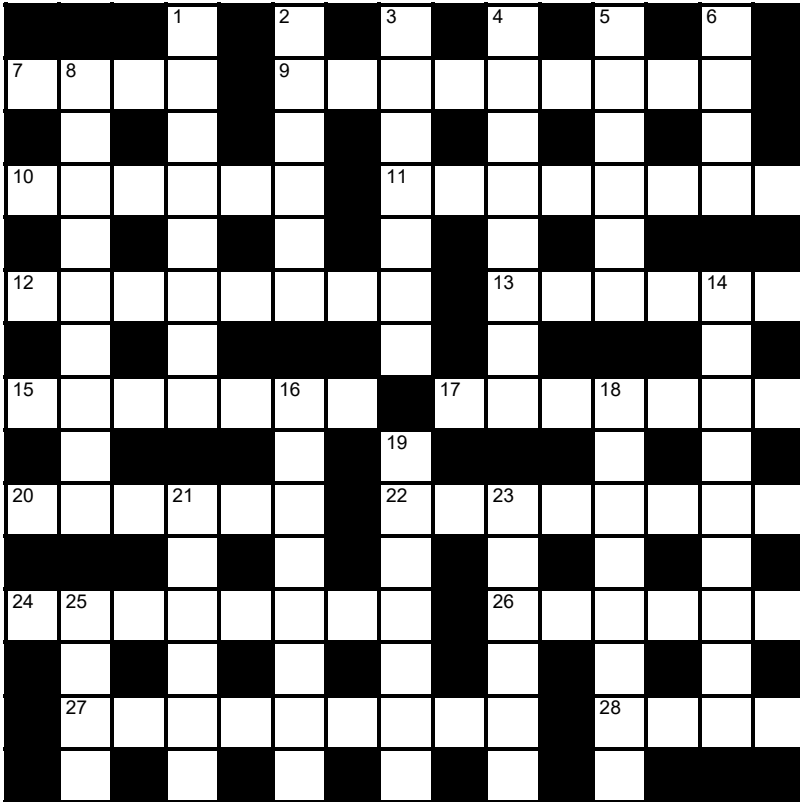


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 7 Goddess starts to tempt Hercules *et al* (4)
 9 Picked up dreadful back in passing? Sort of (9)
 10 Colour plan abandoned by daughter around noon (6)
 11 Nailed and screwed hinge tab (2,3,3)
 12 Back in Primark, also known as inspiring price chopper? (8)
 13 *Time* includes pitch about slips in *Vogue*, say? (6)
 15 Exchanged suspicion concerning fieldwork (7)
 17 English, before term of Gordon Brown, produce code in EU (1-6)
 20 Canadian novelist pair that alternately avoids crowds (6)
 22 So far, carbon destroyed rose (8)
 24 He sank reds in match finals in Sunday BBC snooker broadcast (8)
 26 Chatterbox quietly stops wise guys — end of debate (6)
 27 Wild Canada geese shunning extremely cold part of The Med (6,3)
 28 Right person finally pursues press (4)

DOWN

- 1 Conservative party provides cover for English novelist before a night attack (8)
 2 Merry, so need port (6)
 3 Tax I dismiss in New York City (7)
 4 African flag hoisted on outskirts of Abidjan (8)
 5 Definitely not what characterises heroes? (2,4)
 6 Tense first 40% leaving Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh (4)
 8 Let Afghan itinerant turn to one side (4,1,4)
 14 Husband in TV might, in audition, do as he likes? He does (9)
 16 County with agency backing plant (8)
 18 Sport that demands putting success above all else? (8)
 19 Look note up in copyright over rhythmic ballad (7)
 21 Defunct mobile network having zero scope (6)
 23 Instrument in spacelab my cosmonaut held up (6)
 25 Estate, say, cut by unknown ruler (4)

JOTTER PAD

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