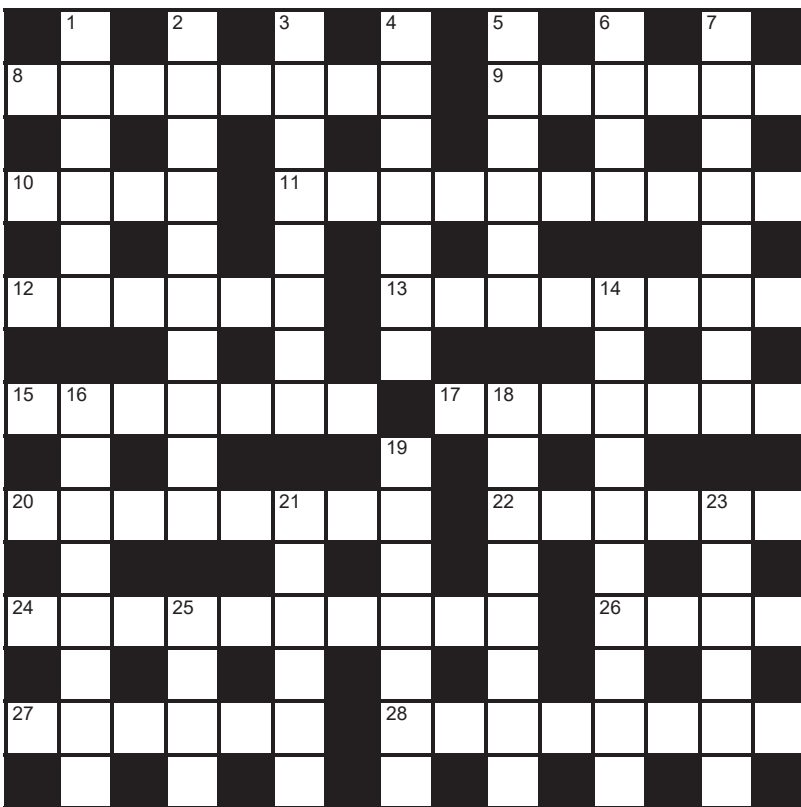


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ACROSS

- 8 Connectors on back of mock paving bricks (8)
- 9 Interminable slander associated with a graduate (6)
- 10 Send over flower for increasingly bright star (4)
- 11 Wishful pro freely displaying adoration (10)
- 12 I put into circulation leaderless paper run (6)
- 13 US idiot saving skin when bagging wrong hybrid borage variety (8)
- 15 Options for patient old man close to Derby County (3,4)
- 17 From the less weird version of *Iron Maiden* — only its first side? (1,6)
- 20 J A Wight is one desperate guy, sinking beers with Mike (8)
- 22 Prejudice shown by warrant officer — watch it regularly being covered up (6)
- 24 Broken nose seeing tissue regeneration (10)
- 26 Note North-East Passage (4)
- 27 Frames note about affectation of superiority? Au contraire (6)
- 28 Arch feature of out-of-bounds sex trade so regressive (8)

DOWN

- 1 Daughter in female toilets finds overflows (6)
- 2 Extremely useful anvil with a blue base (10)
- 3 All the Americas wanting neologism encompassing Left (3,5)
- 4 Usually game, cutting a deal (2,1,4)
- 5 Chap finished without European worker, almost (6)
- 6 Point vessel around south (4)
- 7 One asking old tax officials about new batch of papers? (8)
- 14 Complain feebly before vendor delivered accommodation for whites? (4,6)
- 16 Don's bill affecting everyone that's neither positive nor neutral (8)
- 18 Minute blushing about how's your father, showing gloom no longer (8)
- 19 Dance, just missing opening record (3-4)
- 21 Film about working philosophical scholar (6)
- 23 Dangerous-waste container possibly making son cry (6)
- 25 Primarily gritty loam that is over waterlogged soil (4)