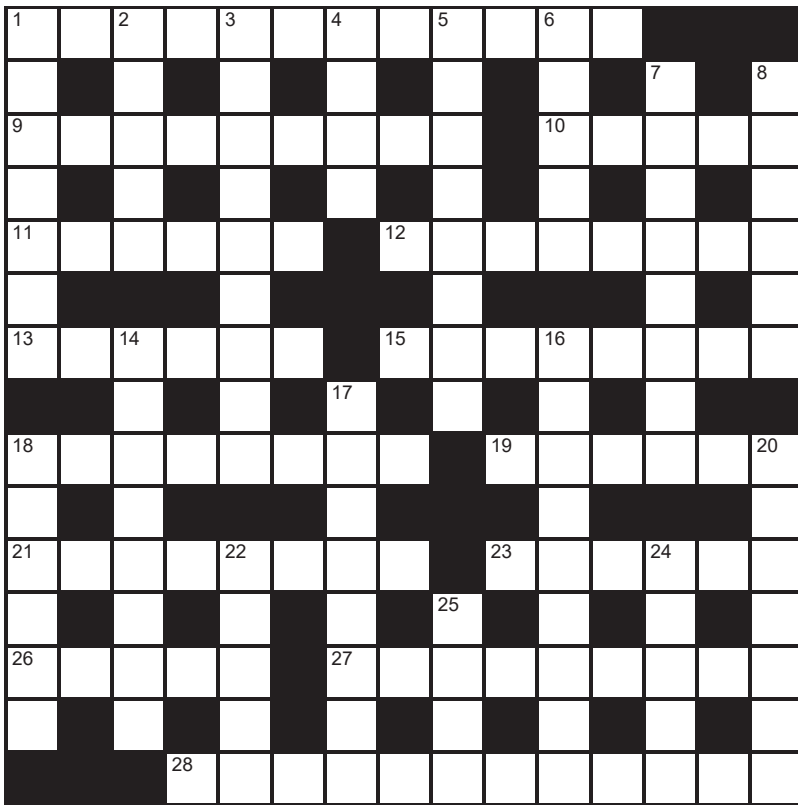


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ACROSS

- 1 Match what barman did (5,7)
- 9 Exploits fish in drink (9)
- 10 Clearing house finally pursues content (5)
- 11 Quick-moving river swallowed doctor (6)
- 12 Kick blocked by a referee wearing inadequate soccer kit? (8)
- 13 Operation to Norway needs tip of ice pick (6)
- 15 South side sheltered by jetty is less busy (8)
- 18 Cut tree down inside type of fruit (8)
- 19 Picked up married woman's skirts (6)
- 21 Entertainer's trick all over the internet and TV (8)
- 23 One ruminates like one politician to start with (6)
- 26 Knight wrapped in security blanket, perhaps? (5)
- 27 Sticks to doctor if couple take overdose (9)
- 28 Bent leg almost splits cast (12)

DOWN

- 1 Token males accepted by social movement wanting love (7)
- 2 Axes the French metro's first transport system (5)
- 3 Scattered toys ruled out (9)
- 4 Really odd characters take nil by mouth (4)
- 5 So arable ground produced beef (8)
- 6 A couple, less than expected, strokes bird of prey (5)
- 7 What's in food starts to liquefy orthodontic implant in tooth disease ... (8)
- 8 ... following organic compound's decay (6)
- 14 Ground entrance for boyfriends' flat (8)
- 16 Get 1ac. in minute employed in puzzling (9)
- 17 Praised cabinet for lifting excise duty initially (8)
- 18 Challenge attacking move without beginning to legitimise extremes (6)
- 20 Temp's reputation not good (5-2)
- 22 Professor or benefactor (5)
- 24 Emulsion of oil mixed in air mostly (5)
- 25 Injury below bittern's head and beak (4)

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