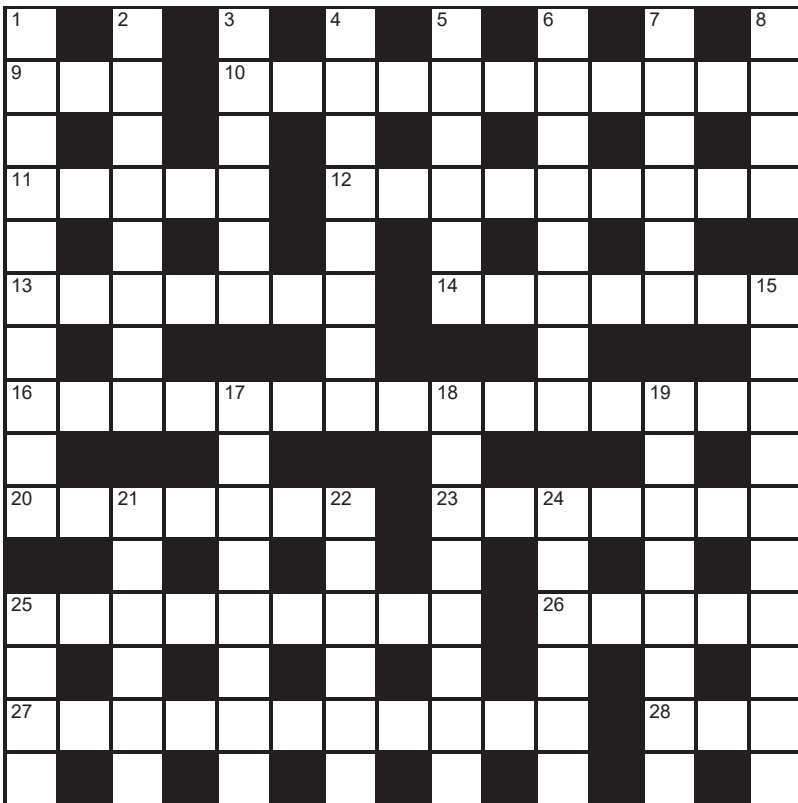


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ACROSS

- 9 Exercise advantageous? Not half! (3)
- 10 Time dog round third of bends, one leading the way (11)
- 11 Peer in uniform (5)
- 12 Reminiscent of Morse's last case (9)
- 13 Tool found in box containing number 1 lost (7)
- 14 Couple, however, returned washing machine (4-3)
- 16 Lacking status nevertheless? (15)
- 20 De Gaulle, for one, in hospital in cold French city (7)
- 23 Perhaps policeman's proposal involving one caught (7)
- 25 Screen idol's brief card written with love (9)
- 26 Forward terms of reference (5)
- 27 Linesmen, in passing, say something about tries (5,6)
- 28 Medieval town in Merry England (3)

DOWN

- 1 Playing percussion tremendously fast (10)
- 2 Childishly sulky power worker holding instrument up? (8)
- 3 Taken from Bristol environmentalist (6)
- 4 Collect information regarding hunt (8)
- 5 Notice trio working, showing skill (6)
- 6 Large group of soldiers gathering at mission (8)
- 7 No-nonsense DI leaving area (6)
- 8 Not bound to deliver (4)
- 15 Important monk's authoritarian leader (3,7)
- 17 Comic opera — I look up two articles (8)
- 18 Full round in between (8)
- 19 American treated secretly (2,6)
- 21 Argue, blowing top in comprehensive (3-3)
- 22 Make a mistake giving rise to students (4,2)
- 24 Woodland bar everyone overlooked (6)
- 25 Refuse to allow former GI oxygen (4)

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