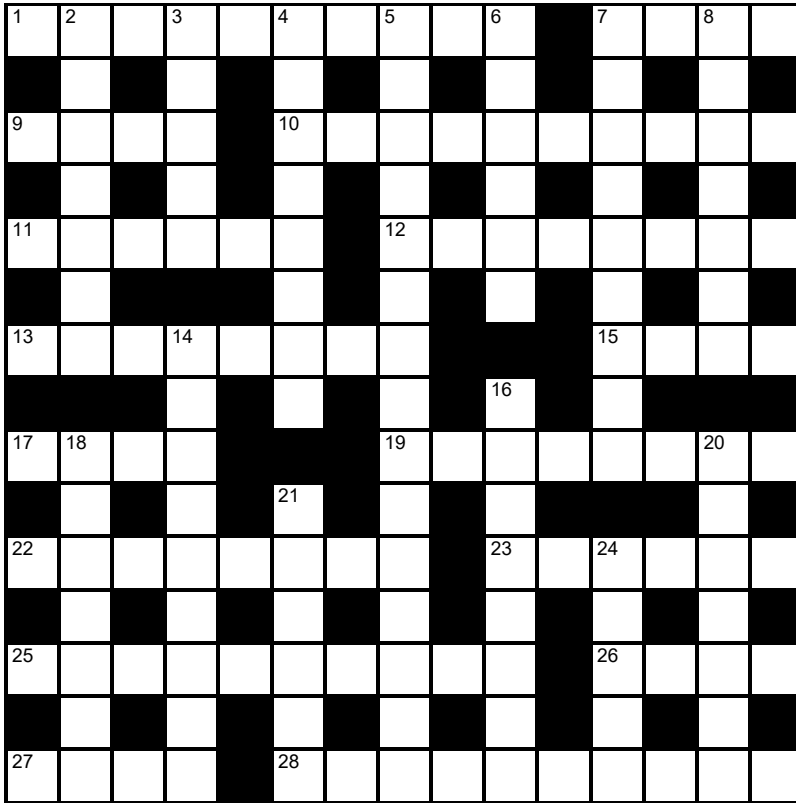


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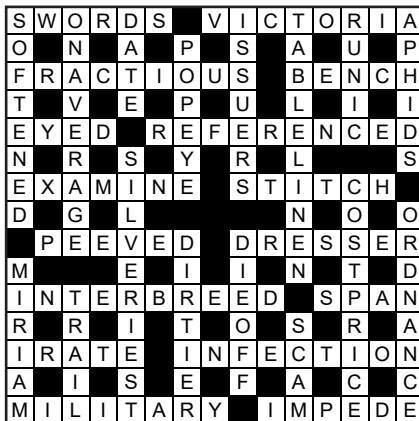
- 1 Argue over something that Jack Sprat would never do (4,3,3)
 7 Old northerner selected for the team, according to the radio (4)
 9 Scottish bank daring? Not very (4)
 10 Christmas jersey commercial featuring Romeo, a witty Englishman (4,6)
 11 Starts to play Sting's charity songs (6)
 12 Accused criminal accepting trial ultimately is a dead end (3-2-3)
 13 American mother chasing a comical chap? That's quite seedy (8)
 15 Philosopher, king, soldier (4)
 17 Absence of American intelligence? (4)
 19 Drive a vintage Rolls (8)
 22 Stew of rice, ale and cold vegetable (8)
 23 Members of group regularly yawn, lying around part of airport (6)
 25 Indy car might make use of this 11 tire compound (10)
 26 Western newspaper catching a scent (4)
 27 Knocks over box (4)
 28 Shocked Spooner reports assault on painter Francis (5,5)

DOWN

- 2 Farquhar is sampling somewhat spicy paste (7)
 3 Turn left following a thrilling exclamation (5)
 4 Good-looking husband? Not half! (8)
 5 Revise, refer, check Mann's 1941 novel (10,5)
 6 Lightly touch punctilious person having removed clothes (6)
 7 Explosive Colditz inmate placed above the German Kommandant's head say? (6,3)
 8 Furnishing lorry almost overturned on the road to Edinburgh (7)
 14 Senior detective's upset Met over a whitewash (9)
 16 Still bored by Mary, terribly ordinary person (8)
 18 Partly extend across completed Grand Prix circuit (7)
 20 Trade vehicles in transit (7)
 21 Order child to turn over shabby clothes (6)
 24 Muslim prince introducing a wife to Nick (5)

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