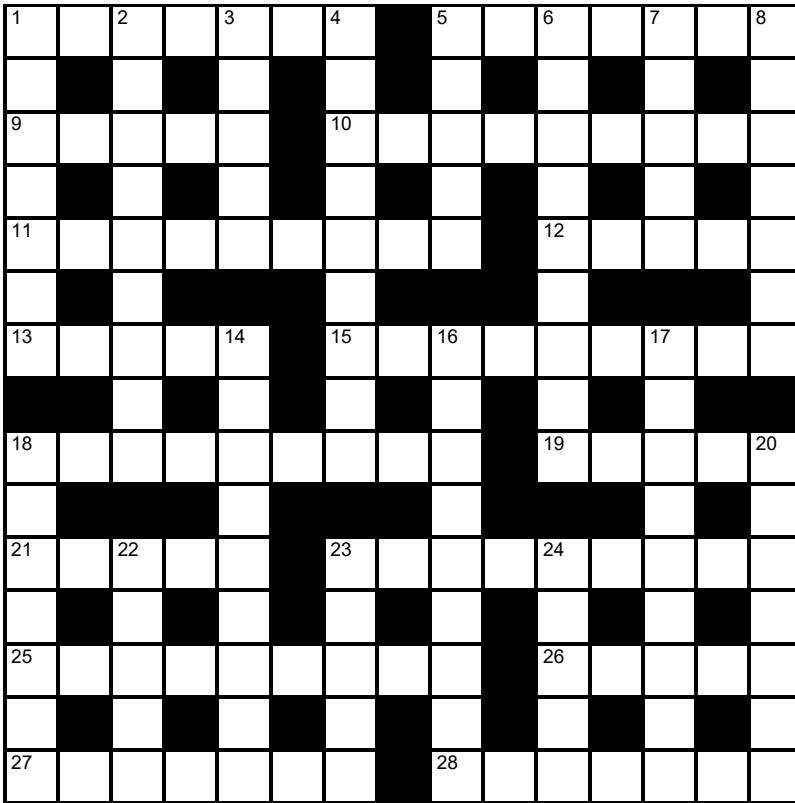


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ACROSS

- 1 Flipping finally getting into the sack (7)
- 5 Black vegetable put off cold mathematician (7)
- 9 Thirsty and always necking a drop of gin (5)
- 10 Lid on salt in Rialto has broken (6,3)
- 11 Fitting cocktail or ingested drinks (9)
- 12 Film article one from Berlin reviewed (5)
- 13 Tie, but no top? Heavens! (5)
- 15 I am subtle when changing channel (9)
- 18 Rum declined by old Welsh society type (9)
- 19 Foreign capital I smuggled into Chesterfield? (5)
- 21 One German game to see the White House? (5)
- 23 One in shock in hospital with graze receiving oxygen (9)
- 25 Horrible Rev. Gore... go stuff yourself! (9)
- 26 Drug cartel finally knocked off judge close to Bogotá (5)
- 27 Discipline prisoner abandoning moral compass? (7)
- 28 Vessel primarily seen in strait or sound? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Puff on a joint at last with British diplomat round (7)
- 2 Tormented genius had to undergo treatment (9)
- 3 Trunk men carried by contrary East German (5)
- 4 Call about satisfactory teacher's sacking (9)
- 5 Living large takes Euros, knight admitted (5)
- 6 Airmail X? (4,1,4)
- 7 A small layer of a pale greyish colour (5)
- 8 Very strict old setter downs treble, half-cut (7)
- 14 Unfortunately nearer dog (one with the wind) (4,5)
- 16 Is bad news about comically vulgar behaviour? (9)
- 17 Wealth a female with power squanders at home (9)
- 18 Sinister minister loves to hug American (7)
- 20 This man fills a pastry dish essentially (2,5)
- 22 Nobel-winning pharmacologist Chloe Wise has drawn (5)
- 23 Nag about eating salt after heart op initially (5)
- 24 A set following foremost of betters on a roll (5)

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