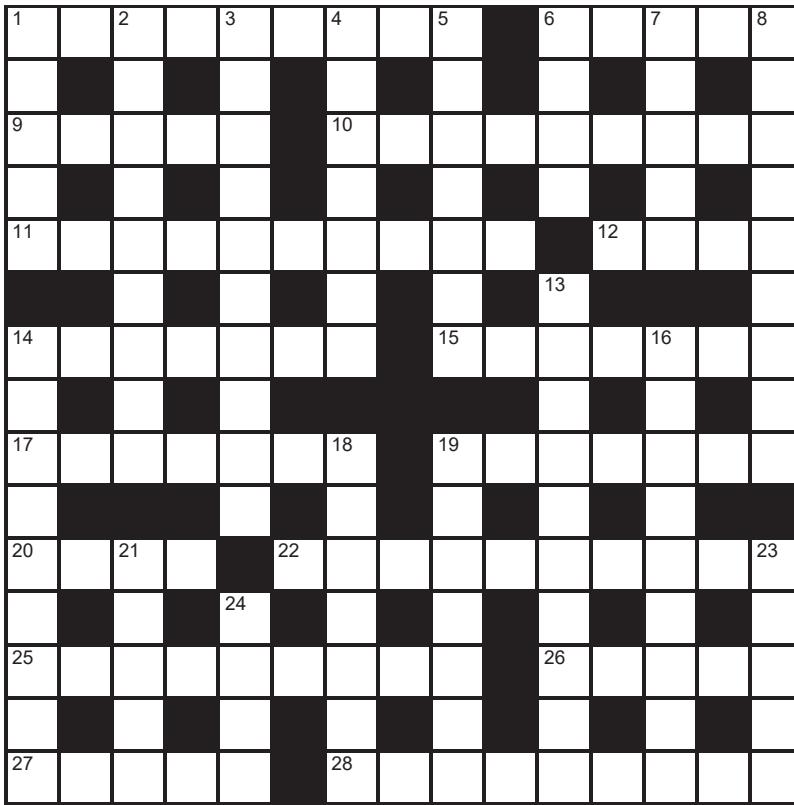


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ACROSS

- Four-letter word? Margaret taken aback, biting tongue at first (9)
- Leave Adriatic port (5)
- Winning group's surprise result (5)
- New cultivar produced by European could be profitable (9)
- Chap, slight, crossing second highest part of Cornwall (6,4)
- Greek character after fine cheese (4)
- Raise then call after foremost of bids (5,2)
- Old communications satellite rattles badly (7)
- Drive round active volcano in Asian country (7)
- Factory sirens upsetting to horse (7)
- Having nothing on tap, not good (4)
- Disorganised father having put on uniform is ignored (10)
- Unfortunately agree, poor musical dramas may often be seen by one (5-4)
- Hot under the collar, ambassador with temperature on the rise (3,2)
- Son by himself briefly in beauty parlour (5)
- Is golf club accepting that female novelist? (9)

DOWN

- Hitch in part of south Umbria (5)
- First run out in international will (4,5)
- Scathing, series probing a hospital department (10)
- Raw fish delicacy and bap, followed by sponge (7)
- Small farm in Scotland belonging to me, fictional detective's brother (7)
- Go crazy if upset (4)
- Learning about current in French river (5)
- Reference book he's taken into house (9)
- Great hotel breaks with everything included (10)
- Restless bovine brought in by southern miners (5,4)
- All of the footballers, say, in line on pitch (6-3)
- Raised stuff concerning one Italian inventor (7)
- Artist's animal painting, horse's head (7)
- Live adequately under daughter's roof (5)
- Tricked theologian about winning percentage at the end (5)
- Chief isle's surrounding another (4)