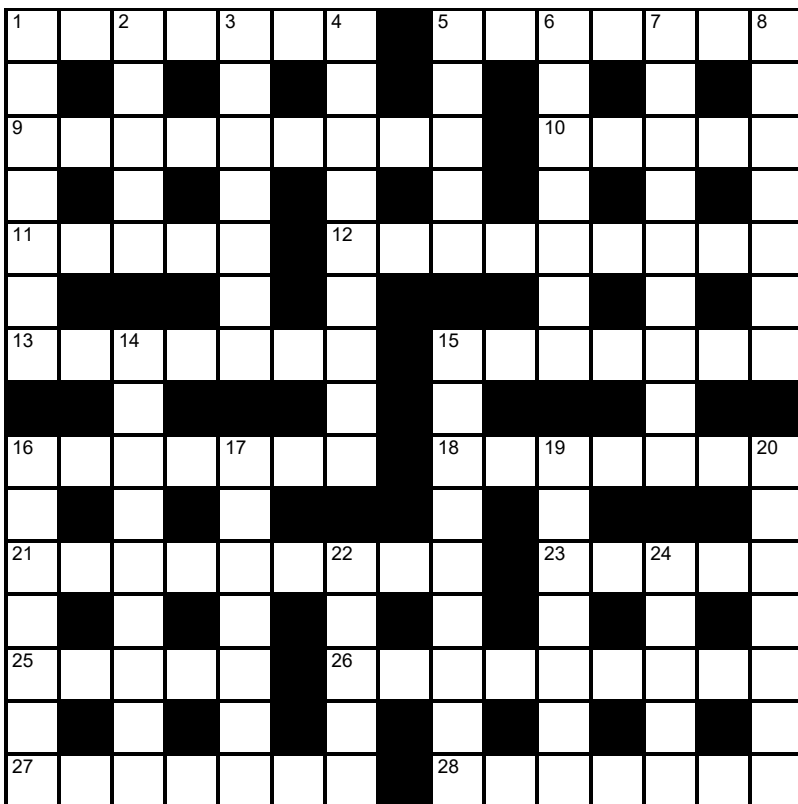


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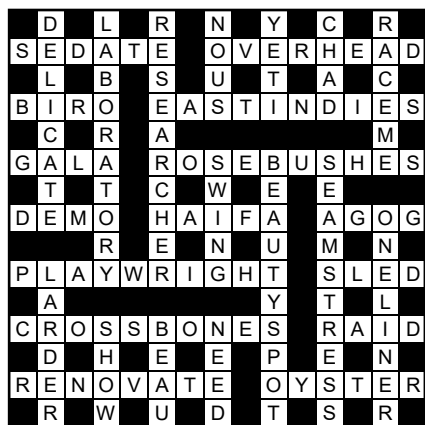
ACROSS

- 1 Insect queen retracts feeler (7)
- 5 You may find lettuce here, in a purple patch (2,1,4)
- 9 Highly-regarded butler worked with trained ape (9)
- 10 Rats discover the fish (5)
- 11 American soldier in pursuit of my dog (5)
- 12 Grasping on a ledge's front edge, I squeal (9)
- 13 Horse straddled by one delivering justice? (7)
- 15 Love story's penultimate part taking place at country church (7)
- 16 In seedy bars, virtuous woman strips (7)
- 18 Jetty housing a launch (7)
- 21 What Freddie Mercury carried alongside streets to warm up (9)
- 23 Combined with its reflection, 10 shares Newton's first principle (5)
- 25 Composer's concert with religious lesson woven through (5)
- 26 Enduring energy shown by murder suspect with title making comeback (9)
- 27 Problem absorbing bird in front of cage (7)
- 28 Print money, then sort (7)

DOWN

- 1 Cheap ricotta with fruit inside (7)
- 2 I'm like a pig — I run and I run (5)
- 3 Cook in thong making a trifle (7)
- 4 In the morning, Queen Elizabeth boards loaded brigs to get stuff from the sea (9)
- 5 Note cut from work that's by Verdi? (5)
- 6 One article after another is starting to manifest unbelief (7)
- 7 Loyalty and honour shown by daughter and niece — that is moving (9)
- 8 Food bag carried by journalist often seen around Kent (7)
- 14 Abuse inspired Conservative to cover up Cameron's bottom (9)
- 15 Show produced by theatre company delivered again (9)
- 16 Fine silver clutched by funny men in drag (7)
- 17 Student entering ground goes in for a drink (4,3)
- 19 Shape of inside-out coat and dress wife's left (7)
- 20 Following film, spray urine about outside (7)
- 22 A mate's managed to create something on the telly (1-4)
- 24 Impoverished English journalist buried in New York (5)

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