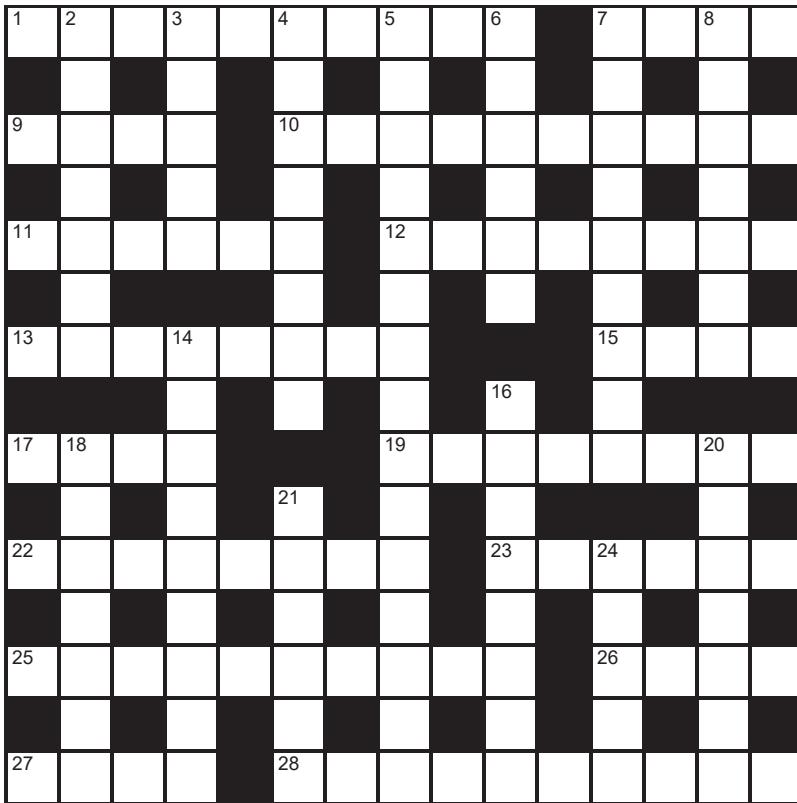


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ACROSS

- Hold horse's head with lad having fallen badly (4,6)
- Mock article's concluding section (4)
- What one might think of assistant retracting article (4)
- Offend strangers somehow by beginning to swear (10)
- Current form of power crushing resistance (6)
- Domesticated animals cross over threshold (8)
- Intimidate Tory in Slough (8)
- Opposed to books spreading panic regularly (4)
- Ladies and gents cycling round city (4)
- Nervous about receiving one reminder (8)
- She will approve, provided it stops parent coming back (8)
- Spirit of artist inspired by doctor every year (6)
- Final course related to US reportedly stops when not trading (5,5)
- Stag party stripped husband-to-be first (4)
- All points that will be reported by the media (4)
- Teams go off where one is up (10)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- Person who checks car before start of race (7)
- Speaker's talent is something that demands attention (5)
- English public split over author's value (8)
- Hold firm attitude about accepting somebody covering for something (5,4,6)
- Who doesn't appear in theatre performance? (2-4)
- Court case condemned Glitter (9)
- Protest is first to see widening evidence of impact (7)
- Stupidity and sentimentality diminished expertise (9)
- Guests smoking on vacation ruined tables (8)
- Take part in teacher's naff lesson (7)
- Risk associated with empire abandoning America (7)
- _ruins food (6)
- Sucker is initially taken in by first-class doctor's qualification (5)