

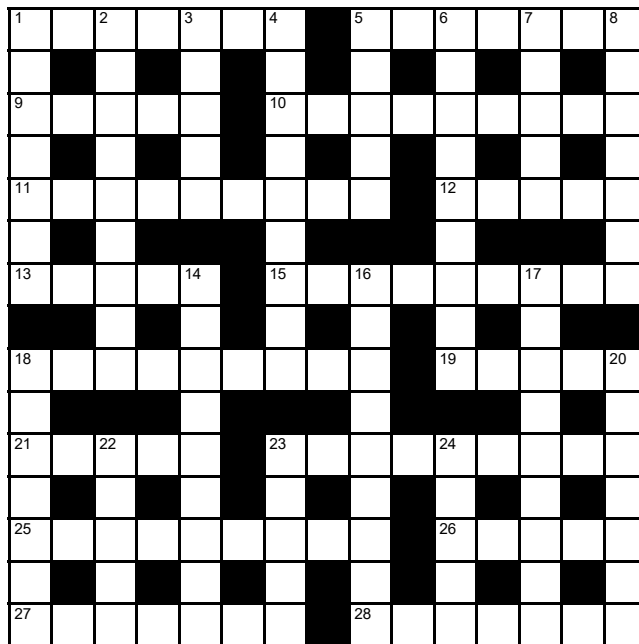
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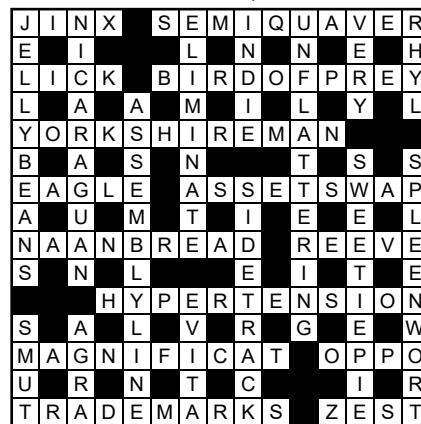
- 1** Boy's run fast to catch poor bluebottle (4,3)
5 Envious of Joel travelling first-class within America (7)
9 Promise Sunday by the river in Durham (5)
10 Made a mistake having sports day during pupils' trip (7,2)
11 Use tool (9)
12 Great lake has osprey finally inhabiting nest (5)
13 High rise in interest ultimately getting debtor behind (5)
15 Shame glory's coming after most of team retired (9)
18 Way ex-PM interrupts ladies beginning to rile dignitary (4,5)
19 Relaxes when kids head off (5)
21 Stick label back on (5)
23 Low price for box with lots inside (5,4)
25 Pressure island to put up with becoming transport hub (4,5)
26 Question account circulated by country doctor who's a bit dodgy (5)
27 In Germany I invested in holiday that's most luxurious (7)
28 Endlessly reordered nuts for wild animal (3,4)

DOWN

- 1** Band leader has to help guitar player (7)
2 More potential in defeat? (9)
3 Prickly heathland plants caught fluffy coats (5)
4 In the past year, lost dearest and last of family (9)
5 Jack's off into sleazy bar (5)
6 Program enabled unlimited free energy for fruit grower (5,4)
7 More mature wine served up after ordinary's left (5)
8 Wise to have posted a private detective on board (7)
14 Think back on church restricting short skirts (9)
16 Tear into certain regimental leader for yielding (9)
17 Criticise detective's parking, acceleration and gear changing (9)
18 Large store negotiated to bring in British seafood (7)
20 Lecturer uses clip from *Dante's Peak* eruption (7)
22 Pernicious blood-sucker's mostly biting farm animal (5)
23 Company relaxed sat by the seaside (5)
24 British astronaut expressed annoyance (5)



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