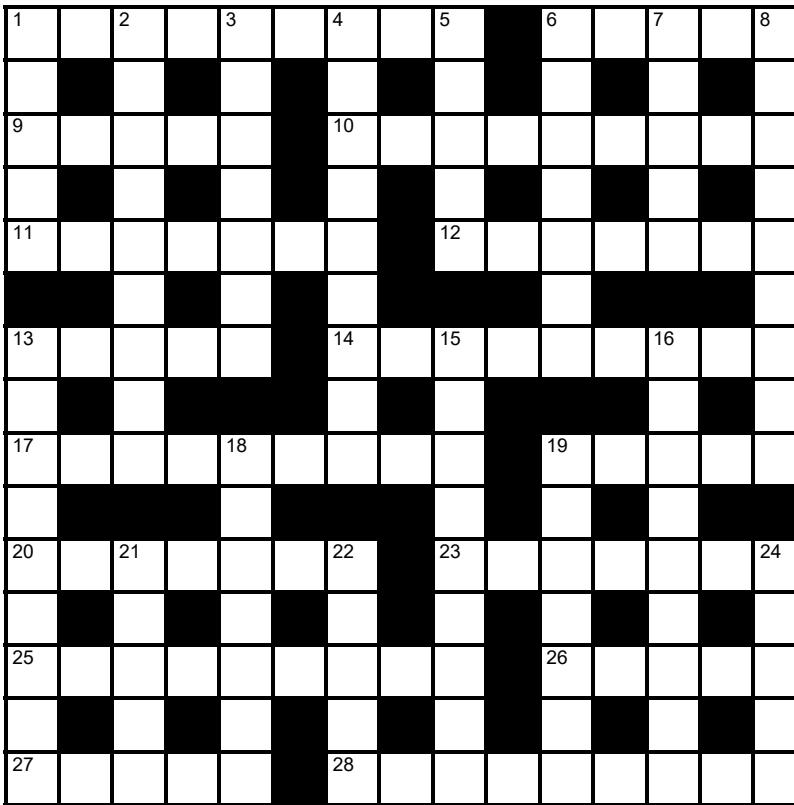


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ACROSS

- 1 Staggered idiot screwed up a debut (9)
- 6 Keen music half-heartedly backed (5)
- 9 Challenged boxer, ultimately in late round (5)
- 10 Rod disinclined to cease paying attention (6,3)
- 11 Faith school is heavy going (7)
- 12 Scorching day — daughter abandons open American car (7)
- 13 Twist with band (5)
- 14 One could have steamers turning north (9)
- 17 Make laws support international reprimand (9)
- 19 Level compass (5)
- 20 Ornamental moulding base these days found in search engine (7)
- 23 Revolutionary having petulant complaint overheard in tent? (3,4)
- 25 What was quick bite, lunch having been organised (2,3,4)
- 26 Fly from the east, absorbing western accent (5)
- 27 This time, sycophant puts forward Democrat (5)
- 28 Correspondent occasionally having to work in The Cloud? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Extremely tasty rum goes into hot alcoholic drink (5)
- 2 Defeat obsession about series of bad events (9)
- 3 Living religious academic stops cohabiting (7)
- 4 Chap interrupts fool in meal for some water (6,3)
- 5 Doctor swallowing peeled potato chips gets more thirsty (5)
- 6 Newly formed *Linear C* not in need of deciphering (2,5)
- 7 Spirit served by good landlord (5)
- 8 Mention concerning engineers crushed by barrier (9)
- 13 Watering hole bar keeps limitless milk stout (4-5)
- 15 X-ray celeb in a bad way — in a very bad way (9)
- 16 Beggar's correct trick cycling (9)
- 18 Straggling, agent accepts rocky ride (7)
- 19 Old angler in fantastic Dorset river (7)
- 21 Did something outstanding either side of tense day (5)
- 22 Red mollusc eating earth cast up (5)
- 24 Garden tool left out of financial inventory (5)

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