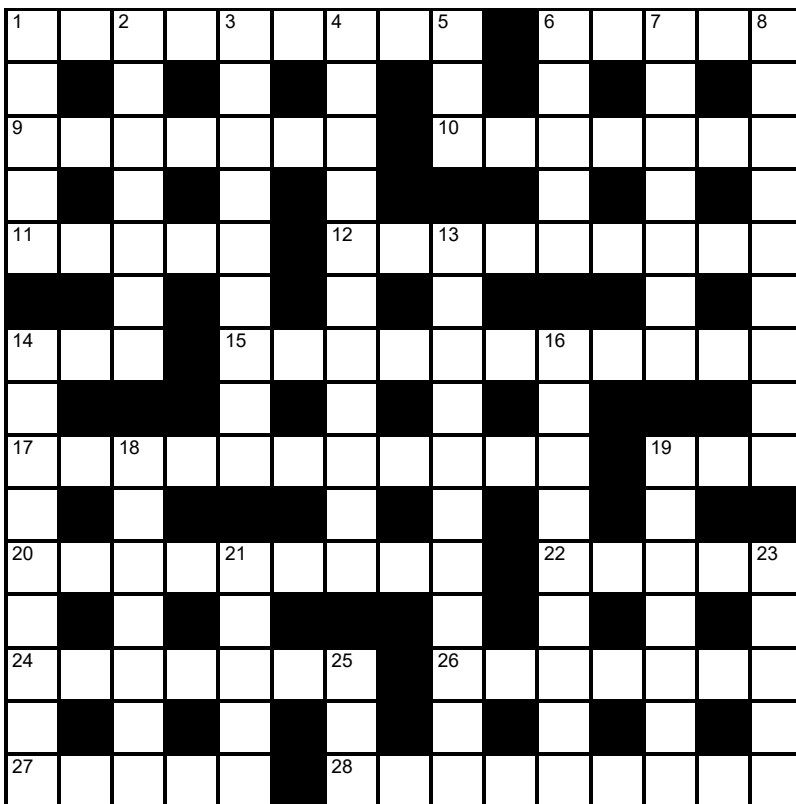


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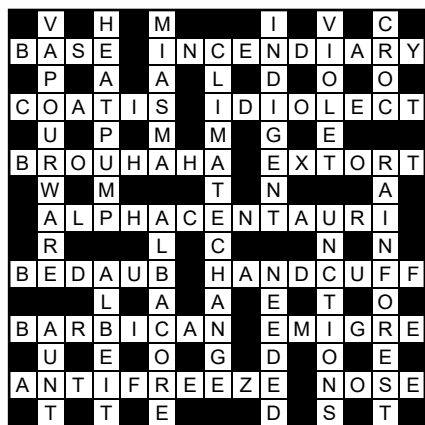
ACROSS

- 1 One maintaining online site is 17, perhaps (9)
- 6 On becoming hot-headed, watch one's language (5)
- 9 Female has problem corseting royal cleavage (7)
- 10 Revealed by end of blog: I have wordplay backward (5,2)
- 11 Liquor sailor knocked over in lively dance (5)
- 12 Popular autocrat half the time is a flasher (9)
- 14 Tin axe (3)
- 15 Canine grooming service? (4,7)
- 17 Silk manufacturer upset miners with Dopey (5,6)
- 19 Wife and relations showing keen intelligence (3)
- 20 Road named after a smashing all-star group (9)
- 22 One who backs in corner after turning tail (5)
- 24 Performing animal that I must restrain (7)
- 26 Home help coming round with Poles and foreigners (7)
- 27 Primarily stupid to cut holes in pants (5)
- 28 Military type's extremely lairy on the whole (9)

DOWN

- 1 Biscuit and drink tenor left out for fellow (5)
- 2 Ring-bearer being sat on by heartless monster (4,3)
- 3 A mostly boring conservative receiving a flattering (9)
- 4 City abroad that might've given Newton a headache? (3,3,5)
- 5 Syrup and aspirin possibly no good in the end (3)
- 6 Some with a vocation in wanton destruction (5)
- 7 Not a bit of northern article is about me! (4,3)
- 8 Poor Slormgorm is excellent in all respects (9)
- 13 Red-hot day in Barking could cause this (11)
- 14 Get cracking alfresco meal on German ships (4,5)
- 16 Olaf Scholz is one embarrassed about bloomer (9)
- 18 Men going out with privates on parade? (7)
- 19 High-flyer keen to drink a gin and tonic (7)
- 21 Old smack sent up for The Stones (5)
- 23 Very passionate liberal on union: 'corrupt place' (5)
- 25 One possibly scrambled in, say, Gloster at front (3)

Solution 18,007



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