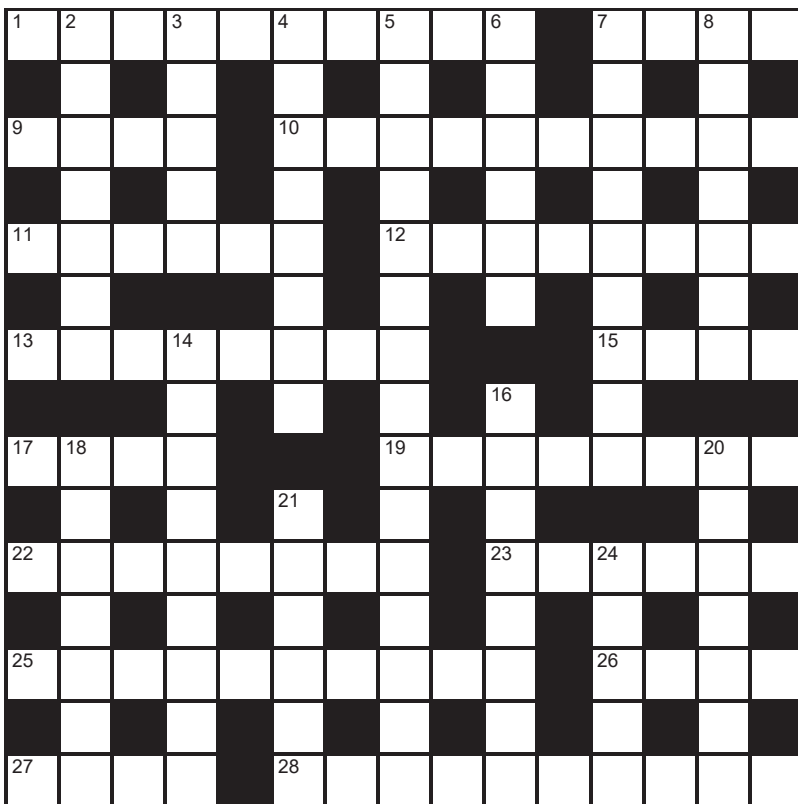


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ACROSS

- 1 Bribe from worker collected by sponsor (4-6)
- 7 Clean article covered in web (4)
- 9 Too casual, some coats (4)
- 10 Definite replacement of vice-consul (10)
- 11 Silver, hoofed animals returned and settled (6)
- 12 King dined with ex-President and singer (4,4)
- 13 Fraud punished and locked up (8)
- 15 Aristocrat taking lead role in prime locations (4)
- 17 Secure gun after taking ear off (4)
- 19 Cook too much; essentially conserve excess (8)
- 22 Nothing gained in bothering reviled miscreant (8)
- 23 Cut good timber case of elmwood (6)
- 25 Fluster when two music events overlap (10)
- 26 Woman fed mamba regularly (4)
- 27 Fruit couple picked up (4)
- 28 Polish official joining eminent rogue (10)

DOWN

- 2 Roll moulded with age rather fast (7)
- 3 Kingdoms originally run with single currency (5)
- 4 Unforeseen event upset inspector beset by stress (8)
- 5 Snapped kind of desultory rebuttal to delusional person (4,3,8)
- 6 Tell end of rib-tickler with delight (6)
- 7 Minor condition no issue, getting balder regularly (9)
- 8 Commercial on screen is source of guidance (7)
- 14 Practical vehicle that's blue loudly crossing capital from south (6,3)
- 16 Figure hugged by fellow author of spy novels (8)
- 18 Bill is popular tenor, perhaps (7)
- 20 Tank is fine one scrubbed by fellow after aquatic creatures (7)
- 21 My knight and queen put in difficulty (6)
- 24 Cook's small crew (5)