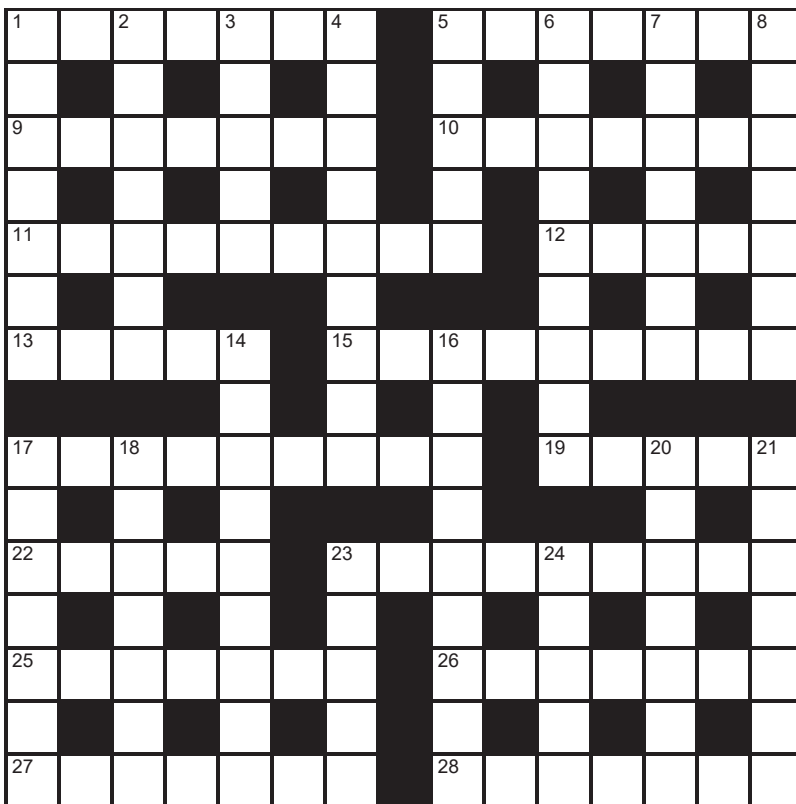


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ACROSS

- 1 Drug distributor checks guy removing coat (7)
- 5 Austere and vinegary, masking trace of sugar (7)
- 9 Remove something from wordplay for "diet"? (4,3)
- 10 Cover over woman in novel predicament (7)
- 11 Performance aspect a clergyman suppresses (9)
- 12 Little John captured by opening to Sherwood Forest at last (5)
- 13 Chemical certain to be returned decarbonised and inactive (5)
- 15 Troublemaker regularly lacking flair and talent (9)
- 17 Somebody peeled Jimmy's jamming fruit (9)
- 19 Stripper spending time here? (5)
- 22 Shy, puny, half-cut, rat-like individual (5)
- 23 Withdraw from case of exhausted Ukrainian woman plugged by US police (9)
- 25 Least bright, given fresh start, becomes most rounded (7)
- 26 Missed nothing boring enthusiastic editor (7)
- 27 Spice Islands cropped unlimited fennel (7)
- 28 Schoenberg contributing more than Larsson to development of pupil (7)

DOWN

- 1 No special favourites where this child is raised (7)
- 2 Prominent fellow denied beginning to bury bomb (7)
- 3 Take covers off iron posts for bed (5)
- 4 Stomach ulcer — I must somehow bar sulphur (9)
- 5 Go off alcohol-charged days? The opposite (5)
- 6 Stupidly opt to be out of range of total eclipse? It's sublime (9)
- 7 Instruments of terror briefly employed by regressive university (7)
- 8 Provision for masses of tea with new judge (7)
- 14 Model almost ruins peace of Greek philosopher (9)
- 16 We cannot recall resolving main cases (9)
- 17 Piaf churned up inside about contralto in command presentation of *La Mer* (7)
- 18 What publisher pays Prince Harry? (7)
- 20 Kremlin directed a non-voluntary movement in revolution (7)
- 21 Feeble creditors taking up the lowest of debts (7)
- 23 Loose relative paraded topless (5)
- 24 Period during which Copernicus held back (5)

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