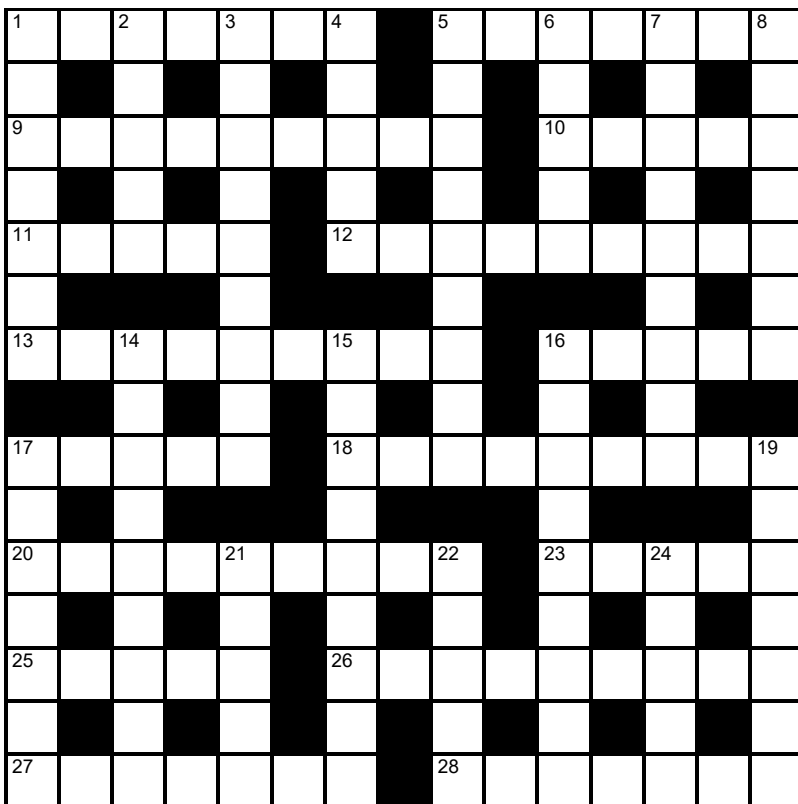


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Guessed amount of arsenic given to my boss (7)
- 5 First class support guards on board (7)
- 9 Martin and Rose mostly soaked together. In this? (9)
- 10 Scot needing clothes stripped Latin American native (5)
- 11 Joint lender, saving skin, hedges pound sterling (5)
- 12 Turning street vehicles round makes a difference (9)
- 13 Reserve supply I kept half closeted (9)
- 16 Hard cop denied beginning pursuit (5)
- 17 Arrogant king doing for relations in city by poison gas (5)
- 18 Retiree dines simply, entertaining thin character (9)
- 20 Billy's inside information includes too much obtained by dubious means (3-6)
- 23 Music maker taking more from Bantock than Joubert (5)
- 25 Stone Age art lacking focus bores (5)
- 26 'Bubbly Buxom Brenda' wanting a duke's address (3,6)
- 27 Ghastly vision of extremes of panic in staff changing places (7)
- 28 Student couples ultimately avoid scam, hoax, lark and rag (7)

DOWN

- 1 Regions claiming diverse rights to unpaid debts (7)
- 2 Dodge swindler, one replacing ace (5)
- 3 What widely secures graduate access to Yale? (6,3)
- 4 Doctor's surgery stops prescribing medicine? (5)
- 5 Bishop interrupting house party curtailed piece of music (9)
- 6 Suffer from return of former police force to province (5)
- 7 Quick-tempered rector excluded from Barking libraries and clubs (9)
- 8 Disagree with soldier arresting a couple of Poles allegedly on vacation (7)
- 14 Swingers do it in disreputable local site (9)
- 15 Cross can be sprayed, given change of heart (9)
- 16 Amateur Irish sweeper affiliated to Hearts becomes Barnet manager (9)
- 17 Dog bites top of Ivanka Trump's bottom. Could this have protected her? (7)
- 19 More acid dispersed by college cleaner (7)
- 21 Public upset — Ashes holder lost (5)
- 22 Short cut taken by lad climbing Greek island (5)
- 24 Explosive producer about to upset beauty in audition (5)