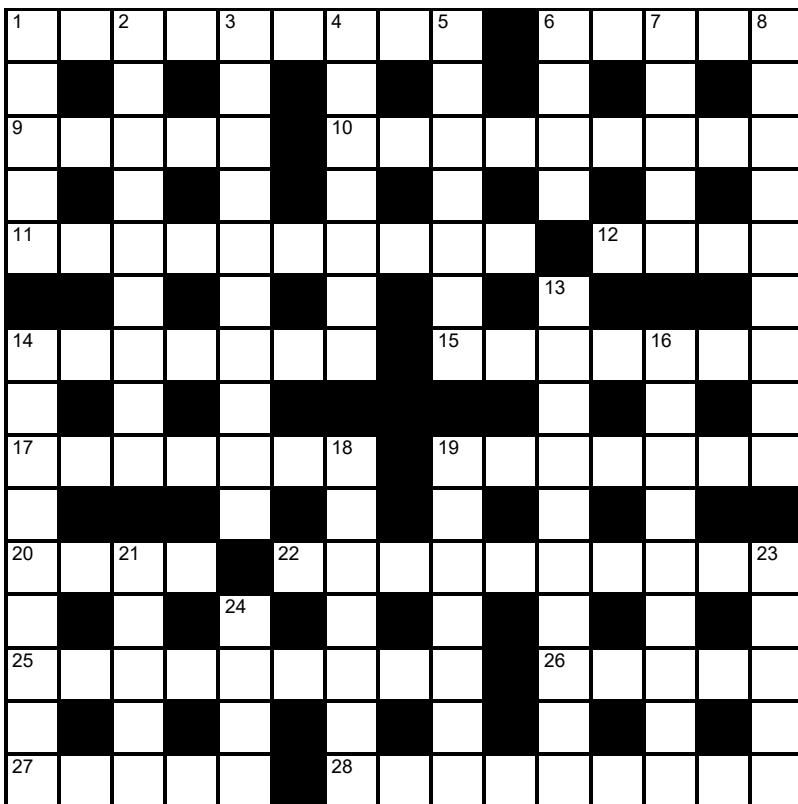


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ACROSS

- 1 Miles too troubled and ill-tempered for competitive sport (9)
- 6 Exposed wall behind tracks? (5)
- 9 Suggest setter's device wants for nothing (5)
- 10 Merrily drive north, entering UK cathedral city around noon (9)
- 11 Article surprisingly contains extremely little about type of engineering (10)
- 12 Means by which opening in larynx produces prolonged sound (4)
- 14 Enchantress's entertaining line does the rounds? (7)
- 15 Bird from swamp eviscerated by pointer (7)
- 17 Flipping uncouth git put somewhat on edge (7)
- 19 Restless sort expert will occasionally encounter on vacation (7)
- 20 Sickeningly attractive model with small behind (4)
- 22 Highly connected trainee keeps promise about meeting earl (10)
- 25 Limit supply of alcohol in grounds (9)
- 26 American infantrymen annihilating German weaklings (5)
- 27 Spooner's note about synthetic material (5)
- 28 Sister struggling with sad, calamitous events (9)

DOWN

- 1 Plant is difficult place to leave, reportedly (5)
- 2 Classified location set up on island with base at summit (3-6)
- 3 It might help decipher old journal yeoman originally found beneath vault (10)
- 4 Gold attorney in Sweden invests (7)
- 5 Tells tales of queen devoured by sea creatures (7)
- 6 Cross section of riverbank habitats (4)
- 7 Embargo judge placed on ordinary instrument (5)
- 8 European wolf raised aboard abandoned army transport vessel (9)
- 13 W.C. on farm so revolting, it's best kept closed (3,2,5)
- 14 Don't stop grumbling prisoner choking stalker (7,2)
- 16 Lesson covering the French vice-president's importance (9)
- 18 Beat King with Ace and refilled empty beer mug (7)
- 19 Son is attached to copper kitchen utensils (7)
- 21 Magnify contents of texts? Only intermittently! (5)
- 23 Newton established society providing places to raise young (5)
- 24 Heartless fool's bare bottom (4)

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