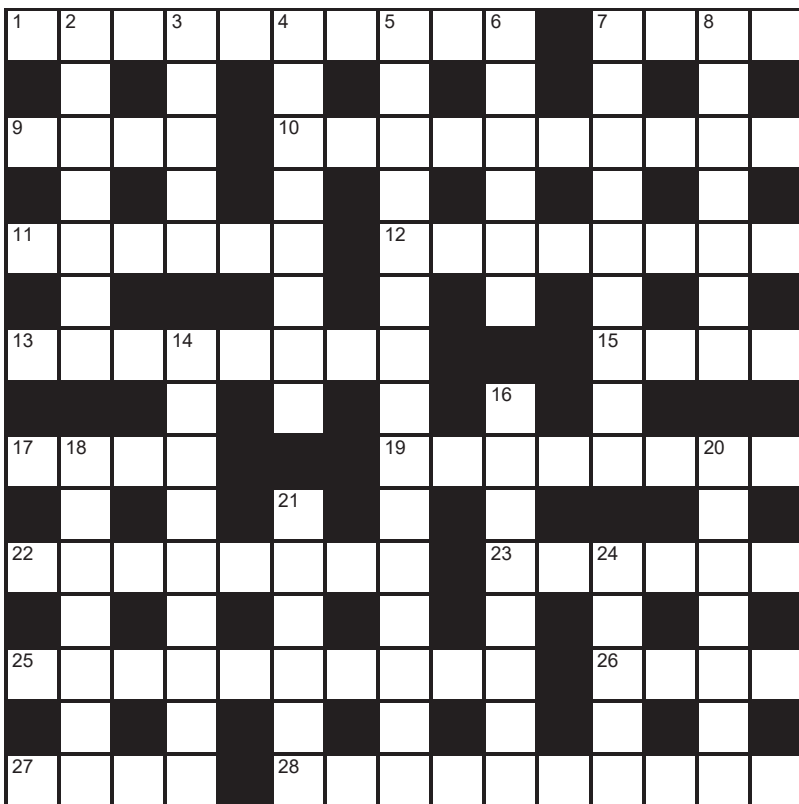


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ACROSS

- 1 Passing criminal sentence requiring Virginia to be imprisoned (10)
- 7 Not many escaping trap — that's a relief! (4)
- 9 EU — for one — backed firm pound (4)
- 10 Reality TV show runs into huge trouble (3,7)
- 11 Threaten to host a bachelor party (6)
- 12 Koran has adapted storyline from Genesis (5,3)
- 13 Fabulous place, but the bar's a bit of a dive (8)
- 15 Leaders of independent, outgoing west African state (4)
- 17 Sprinter's first time? Record pace (4)
- 19 Cream program out of date (8)
- 22 Explorer's maiden voyage cut by 50%, everyone turned back to Lisbon (8)
- 23 Get free, completely unlimited Tesco paper (6)
- 25 Iron and gold loaded in French port — time for small beverage there (4,2,4)
- 26 Dry, except when crossing river (4)
- 27 Copper penny: large old, old penny (4)
- 28 One helping to sort out intractable court battles? (10)

DOWN

- 2 Showing Courage barrel pierced by spike from the bottom (7)
- 3 Knock over old tin containing hot snack (5)
- 4 Big spender visiting classy bar I tended (8)
- 5 Grandpa goes once around school field event (3-3-5,4)
- 6 Pitch article about Zulu jungle resident (6)
- 7 K P moist USA nuts (9)
- 8 One raised in surprise when discussing East End intellectual? (7)
- 14 Nick unfortunately happened to catch onset of rubella (9)
- 16 Forebear found in seances tormented (8)
- 18 11 2 beaten after swapping knight for king (7)
- 20 Planet starts to need extra purified air (7)
- 21 Show off apartment housing upper-class knight (6)
- 24 Emergency meeting occasionally held in Crosby Road (5)

Solution 18,145



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