

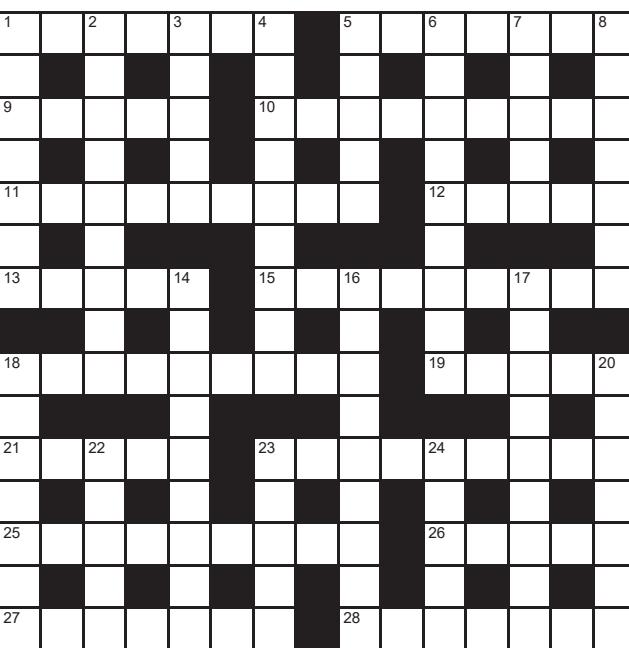
# CROSSWORD 18,294 by ROSA KLEBB

## ACROSS

- 1 Sweet dance with bachelor (3,4)
- 5 Report revolutionary system in Leo's office (7)
- 9 Sound from great height (5)
- 10 Perhaps made it into hit parade — it's fantastic! (9)
- 11 Stars in interminable BBC soap (3,6)
- 12 Released from trap, old men verbally break down (5)
- 13 Caught fish? Hold on tight! (5)
- 15 Powerful families of decidedly vacuous, unpleasant people (9)
- 18 Noah's son with a thirsty and extremely audacious baboon (9)
- 19 Public fears oddly invisible threat to health (5)
- 21 Shooter in Moroccan mountains with the French (5)
- 23 It helps you stop, pause and drive away as stated (5,4)
- 25 Angry lion and tiger mooching about (9)
- 26 Fondle backside of good-looking guy? (5)
- 27 Toads jumping across road confused old folk (7)
- 28 Crafty sort of guerrilla hiding face (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Back in Montecito, bored stiff (7)
- 2 Element of broadcast amusing me (9)
- 3 Bubbly roommate's first out of bed (5)
- 4 Army's leader thumped half-cut ally with embarrassment (9)
- 5 Upset about drivel in essay (5)
- 6 Secretaries in City University, side by side (4,5)
- 7 Prevent cleaner scrubbing chap (5)
- 8 Card index regularly covered by manuscripts in chaos (7)
- 14 Excitedly greet aged technophile (9)
- 16 Sat in gaol, suffering homesickness (9)
- 17 Intriguing old American jokers (2,7)
- 18 Shot and injured, left with journalist (7)
- 20 Eggs on clergyman in girls' school (7)
- 22 Female isn't commonly feeble (5)
- 23 Topless snog behind British Library is heaven (5)
- 24 Fungus thus beginning to thrive (5)



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