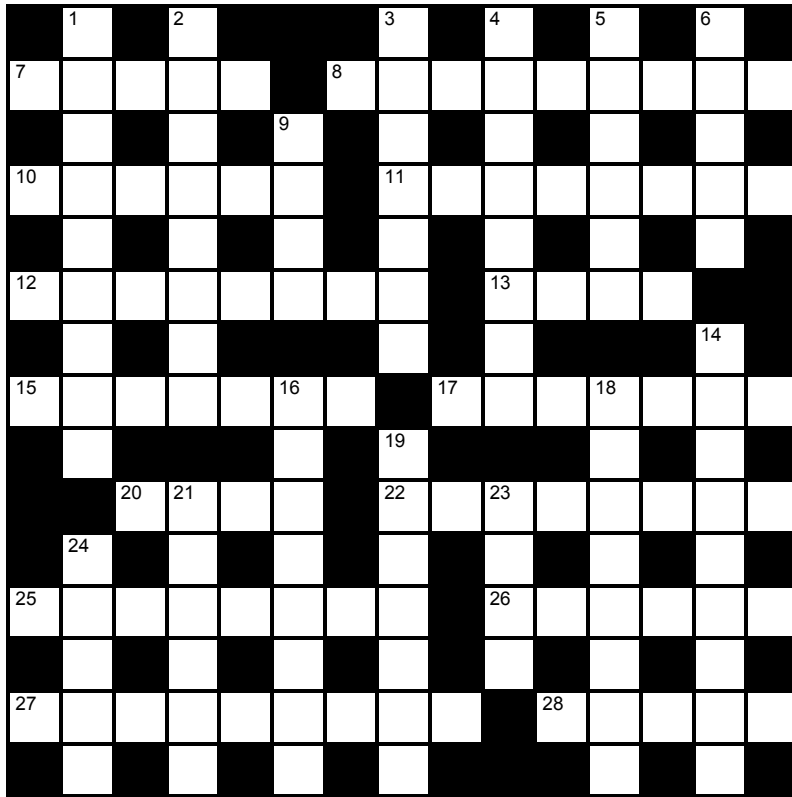


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The perimeter of the crossword reveals a question for which solvers should provide an answer.



Across

- 7 Start to include vitamin in drink (5)
- 8 Final tree felled to make additional page (9)
- 10 Lady's answer about part of Ulster problem (6)
- 11 Briefly note advisors' special vehicles (8)
- 12 Timeless stories about Irish state's old benefits system? (3,5)
- 13 Information carrier regularly found in Channel Island (4)
- 15 What may describe a brewer? (3,4)

- 17 Long to eat every other treacle sweet (7)
- 20 Iran follows nothing reasonable (4)
- 22 Arrangement of Sondheim's *Dolce Vita* (8)
- 25 Unbelievable credit cut's hard to swallow? (8)
- 26 Old sovereign leaves quiet island for Indian city (6)
- 27 Cry of joy after swimming group finds youngster (9)
- 28 Rested almost having had sex with officer (5)

Down

- 1 Virile wren loses hat swimming in watercourse (4,5)
- 2 Cheap profit-making (8)
- 3 Ultimate aim in the main (7)
- 4 King Lear's daughter returns to support Peg's elder child (8)
- 5 Tart embraces officer showing bottle (6)
- 6 Stresses declaration of sexuality! (5)
- 9 Leave land deal we are told (4)
- 14 University students' friend tours youth centre - really! (9)
- 16 Scratch game (8)
- 18 Embrocation found in ten mil preparation (8)
- 19 See a high priest returning in carriage (7)
- 21 A new boat - yes indeed (3,3)
- 23 Block English aristocrat (4)
- 24 Play part of screen actress (5)