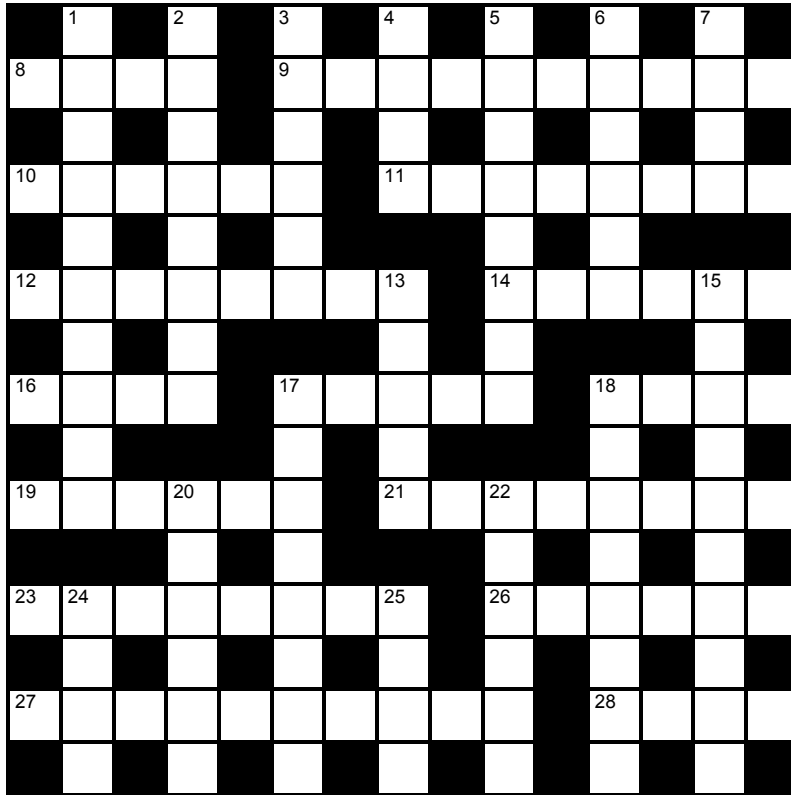


*The letters around the perimeter may be anagrammed to form the subject of a novel question (4,3,8,3,10) which is answered by one of the solutions. Which one?*



**Across**

- 8 It's used in signs, any we're told (4)
- 9 Identify and arrest following hard tip (10)
- 10 Ruler applied Euclid's *Elements* (2,4)
- 11 General de Gaulle's to go first, this'll provoke a reaction (8)
- 12 A number speaking extremely loudly out of turn (5-3)
- 14 Went and scraped bed? (6)
- 16 Change egg supplier that dropped egg (4)
- 17 Solution needs one dimension but has three (5)

- 18 Deal out capital assets after takeover (4)
- 19 Becoming witness, relating to me stealing pound (6)
- 21 Fat Patty's a whopper (5,3)
- 23 Hospital failed man, dead from manual labour (8)
- 26 Flyer, last to complete circle, bear to the left (6)
- 27 0.5 \_\_\_\_\_ is half breach (10)
- 28 Little pressure towards posh car (4)

**Down**

- 1 True position appropriate to another (10)
- 2 I'd adopted name "Rusty Rogue" in business (8)
- 3 Impression of fresh coffee? Duck out for sip of tea (6)
- 4 Woman called Karen in a meeting (4)
- 5 Cry in pain, he'd head off bruised perhaps (8)
- 6 A street in Paris, making Earl time to be unfaithful (6)
- 7 Climbing evergreen ivy plant (4)
- 13 Old conjurer's finish cut deck at the bottom (5)

- 15 Secretary of State imprisons Conservative during violent riots (10)
- 17 Condiment provided that yummy initial freshness (3,5)
- 18 Hot, lumpy stew and port (8)
- 20 In second place, run into home (6)
- 22 Suspended, again for hunger breaks (6)
- 24 Broken care homes brought about problem for teenagers (4)
- 25 The last big thing, now on the way out? (4)