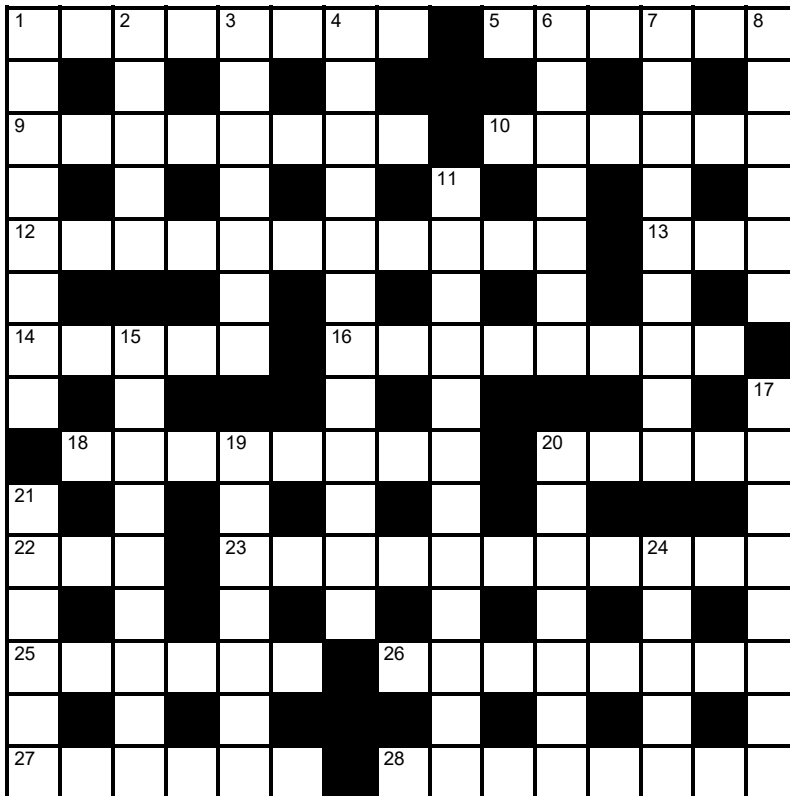


The clues to six thematic answers lack a definition. Symbolically, they could represent one of the other answers. What is it?

**Across**

- 1** Brown envelopes left: is old lady supplying protection? (8)
- 5** One from Utah, maybe Ohio, a vehicle heading West (6)
- 9** Put information on counter or cover with plate (8)
- 10** Literary style shown by mystery author essay (6)
- 12** VIP user is working on government (11)
- 13** Give a wrong impression, though nearly right (3)
- 14** Runs off to tell and make proud (5)

- 16** Got into church son's visiting one day (8)
- 18** I urge man to build plant (8)
- 20** Play orchestral piece about member of family (5)
- 22** I've got it both ways! (3)
- 23** Possible to identify South Island in fantastic epic myth (11)
- 25** Entertain after ten (6)
- 26** Elevated river drowns native (8)
- 27** United agreed changes, first of all to money (6)

- 28** Couples went after opening booze (8)

Down

- 1** Speech delivered then clears up (8)
- 2** Relief as Pierre's the mate with sheep (3-2)
- 3** Small balls not a curse (7)
- 4** Adapted lifestyle as in Medicare needing treatment (12)
- 6** Every spring tip of shoots grows on trees (7)
- 7** Weapons cart will be dry under covers (9)

- 8** Conclusively runny egg, having punctured yoke (6)
- 11** Charlie's ironic, ruthlessly limiting new music, cutting off service (12)
- 15** Old king cross with queen wanting beer first (9)
- 17** What former setter will do in film about Cher (8)
- 19** Leave celibacy, spending money (7)
- 20** Guide for future display of colours (7)
- 21** Mostly bone and scarcely any muscle (6)
- 24** Delivered with nothing in (5)