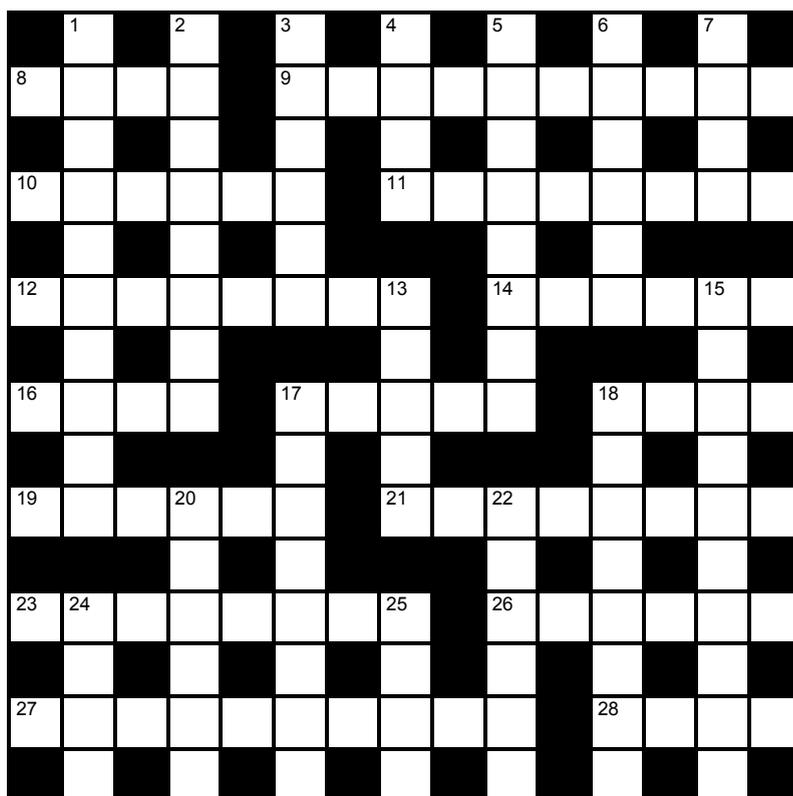


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Across

- 8 Airline's completely out of fruit for granny (4)
- 9 French island's against proposal for missile (10)
- 10 Republican mutual backing emerging for fall of Obama (6)
- 11 Effects of Christmas spirits mean no more for him? (8)
- 12 Someone missing rarely stays close to husband (8)
- 14 Pair of males succeeded on challenge number five (6)
- 16 Fret at limited view (4)



- 17 Half-heartedly secured what circus bird reportedly did for the fjords (5)
- 18 Well regulated and enlightened broadcast (4)
- 19 Besotted with minor bodily expansion (2,4)
- 21 Virtual fan has no right to fabricate complaint (5,3)
- 23 Breathless excitement but not a single winner (4,4)
- 26 Confectionery department came out with waffle (6)
- 27 Head psychologist on TV gets bird (10)

28 Do not pressure pretentious type (4)

Down

- 1 Volunteers built on a flawed arrangement (10)
- 2 Ritual challenge from New Zealand overshadows north country horse festival (8)
- 3 Setter's upset about £25 Hoover, say (6)
- 4 Churchwarden admitting love for single poet (4)
- 5 Dismissed judge on European court had a stash of grass? On the contrary (8)
- 6 Pestors topless extras (6)

7 Irritating piles restricted movement on stage (4)

- 13 Spy tracked down in Japan (5)
- 15 Peer was first to have come to a similar conclusion (8,2)
- 17 Common biplane adapted to conserve energy (8)
- 18 One fated to turn out hopeless on pitch (4-4)
- 20 American pack gets working-over (up top in the main) (2,4)
- 22 Home venture's faltering (6)
- 24 Old case starts to

exhibit the usual imperfections (4)

25 What's necessary in Bangladesh, thanks to Ford? (4)