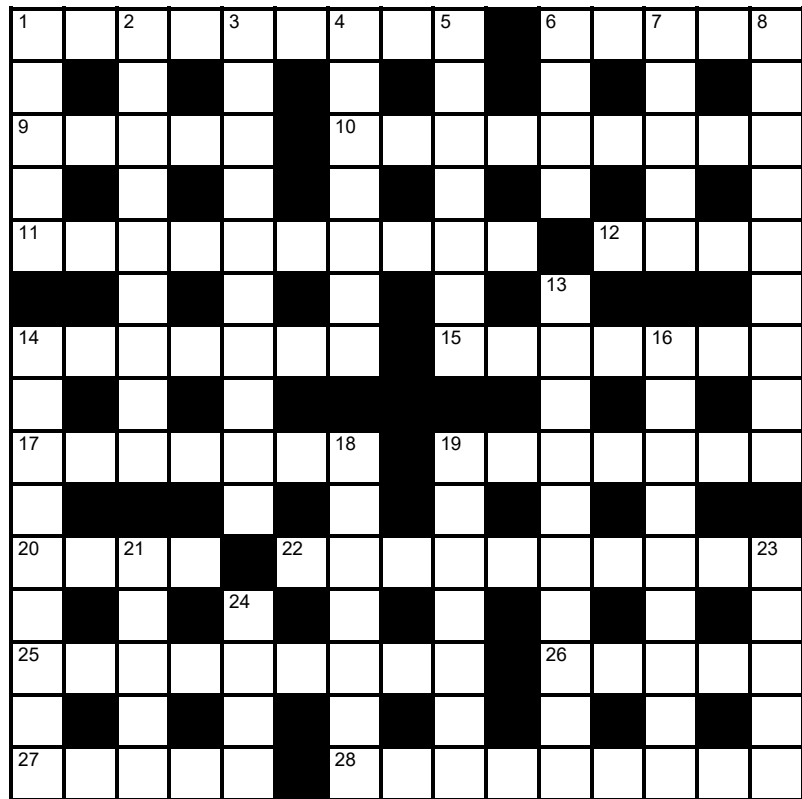


Across

- 1 Very small surface flaw may identify setter perhaps (9)
- 6 Animal everyone rejected needs mother (5)
- 9 Sample of carpet in genuine colour (5)
- 10 Longing for the past is again lost in confusion (9)
- 11 Within design chosen by European, style protective metal plate (10)
- 12 Drink a half of beer meeting voluntary limits (4)



- 14 Knocked down and said to be broken (7)
- 15 Commotion resulting from German storm heading off towards Greece reportedly (7)
- 17 Denies broadcast is at the centre of rows (7)
- 19 Force simple touts to give up pre-arranged place (7)
- 20 Associates lacking in clothing accessories? It's a blow (4)
- 22 Dish composer consumes excessively, attracting endless support (7,3)
- 25 Criticise shadow politician, possibly, one

- displaying aggression against opponents (6,3)
- 26 Sentimental daughter following river (5)
- 27 Desire greatly a period at home with no one present (5)
- 28 Leave strip of land for sweetheart's Christmas Day game? (9)
- Down**
- 1 Substance mostly used as a mask in film-making (5)
- 2 Aware of carbon monoxide above scatter cushions husband removed (9)
- 3 Subverted ceremonial
- 4 Hint journalist has a crooked manner (7)
- 5 Complete training and faint (4,3)
- 6 Some over-familiarity exposes storyteller (4)
- 7 Absence of English flower from region of France generates debate (5)
- 8 Old woman held in Arkansas over foolish bloomer (9)
- 13 Sound, accepted US reptile breeder (10)
- 14 After Anglo-Japanese capital
- position of monarch one hears? (10)
- withdrawals, afraid juicy settlement's held in trust (9)
- 16 Extend lavish picnic? (9)
- 18 Rose failed to meet another's expectations (5,2)
- 19 A number, for example, penned in Italian club (7)
- 21 Islamic ruling disclosed from note on old airline (5)
- 23 Drop of rum disappearing from last supply (5)
- 24 International company adds new image (4)