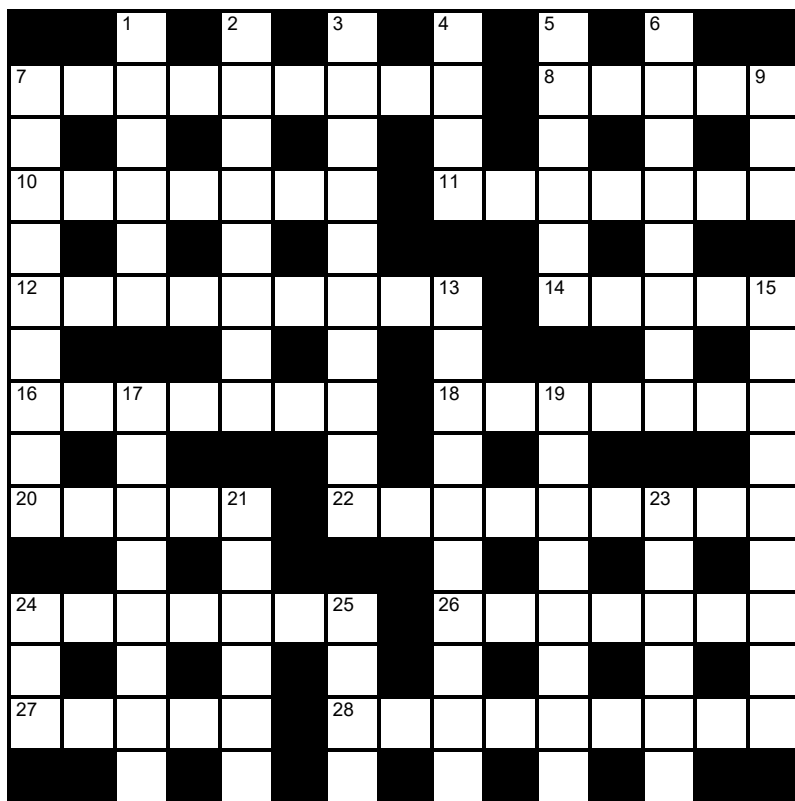


This puzzle has a theme (no special knowledge required) and a nina (related to the theme). A few of the other solutions are on the obscure side, but may be deduced from the wordplay.



Across

- 7 Extremely funny entrance from Sims taking best part (9)
- 8 Move very quickly chasing a Little Boy? (1-4)
- 10 Float up onto one's limits (7)
- 11 Charlotte for illustration hems the trimmed material (7)
- 12 Bohemian caught raiding old Queen's purse (9)
- 14 Minister to hurry back, someone's outside (5)
- 16 Mistress requiring coffee Sonny? No, ____ ____! (7)
- 18 Sticklers for time-keeping, Pollyanna's without work (7)

- 20 The last five of this brand? (5)
- 22 It's with horses in landscape? (9)
- 24 Staying out, send a quick message - put on overcoat? (7)
- 26 Dally, but keep going (5,2)
- 27 Humour he twigs when twisted (5)
- 28 One deserving spot by Spooner's heater (3,6)

Down

- 1 Dry ice, virtually smooth on top (6)
- 2 Very little discipline: he cannot let go (8)
- 3 Scandalous ruining of Catholic Hungarian family (5-5)

- 4 Absent-minded but not very fit (4)
- 5 Mrs Dependable exposing boobs to a Mr New (6)
- 6 A lot of Eastern philosophy upsets sources of culture (8)
- 7 Musical works wonders with dwarfs for example (9)
- 9 See 24
- 13 Connections from back of eye to ocular internals (10)
- 15 Trees near ground maybe Asian (9)
- 17 Monks with unceasing service - Athletic Sebastian ran into one (8)

- 19 Area involved in movement agreed suspension, Rear Admiral must go (8)
- 21 Ferried from Germany, Radler's in the navy (6)
- 23 What periodically has berry bounty? (6)
- 24/9 Rogue bully, an immature individual (6)
- 25 It's a mistake exhibiting excessive sentimentality to female (4)