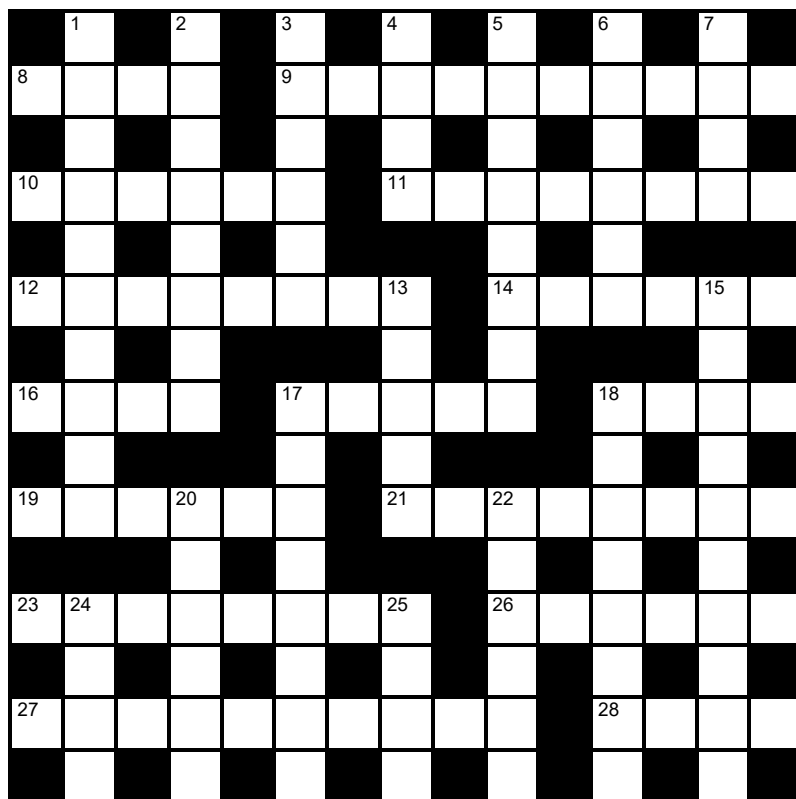


Up in the Air



Across

- 8 Boast in a Siouan language (4)
- 9 Tea time for a honey-eater maybe (4,6)
- 10 Lots of simpletons lacking bit of nous (6)
- 11 Special device for separating milk; one producing whistling sound (8)
- 12 Electrical instrument cooked her toast (8)
- 14 Mongrel working old sheep (6)
- 16 Sacred creature rising in visibility (4)
- 17 Bonus arranged for warrant officer in the navy (5)
- 18 Beat covering of mattress (4)

- 19 Unwonted danger of a casual quick look (6)
- 21 Person who severely batters large shark (8)
- 23 Vivid colour of part of scratchcard in a lottery (8)
- 26 Give up employment and take a holiday in Vegas (6)
- 27 Kitchen instrument removing dreadful hole from damaged rocket launcher (10)
- 28 Ragged mass of hair of singular old witch (4)

Down

- 1 Abnormal dislike of work, therefore primarily playing hookey or being inexplicably absent

- (10)
- 2 Unquestioningly believes son rolls around in mud (8)
- 3 Compensate for small deviation of voltage (6)
- 4 Served up neat gelatinous sweets (4)
- 5 These porters are surprisingly so modern (8)
- 6 Flexible sapling enveloping centre of taiga (6)
- 7 Virginia creeper covers small piece of ground (4)
- 13 Five involved in upset trial for telecommunication gadget (2,3)
- 15 Carthorses dancing for companies of musicians (10)
- 17 Type of architecture

- to forbid on Erie Canal from time to time (8)
- 18 Examine luggage; outcome of this action might set a precedent (4,4)
- 20 Work out logically that the devil takes in evil-doers essentially (6)
- 22 Return to former subject concerning forest greenery (6)
- 24 Lean on inverted musical instrument (4)
- 25 Resembling a corpse in Aberdeen (4)