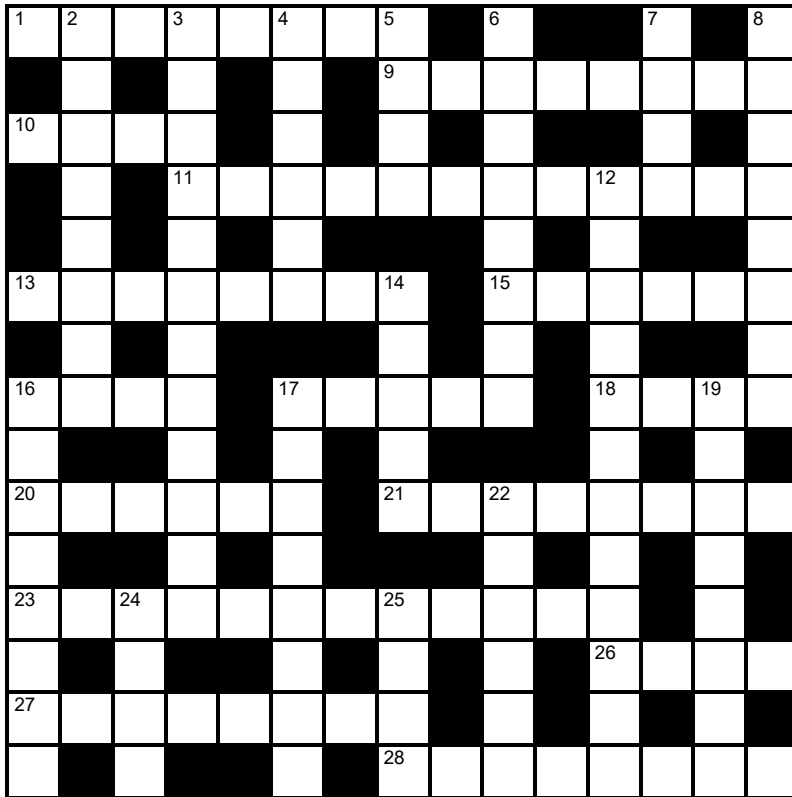


*Nine clues are to be taken literally and have no definitions*



**Across**

- 1 ROVE (4,4)
- 9 Sieve had become sticky (8)
- 10 The French female in command is not clerical (4)
- 11 SHORE (5-7)
- 13 Island train did come off the rails (8)
- 15 Counter work by model (6)
- 16 (E) (4)
- 17 MISTRUST (5)
- 18 Ben returned with Rex from industrial Germany (4)
- 20 It will not pass the acid test (6)

- 21 Costume for all musicians together (8)
- 23 ROELAS (4,2,6)
- 26 Tall leaves producer (4)
- 27 Squirring adder trapped Peter, colourful beast (3,5)
- 28 Elementary light? (4,4)

**Down**

- 2 Tenth speaker in musical works (8)
- 3 TEAR (8,4)

- 4 Parson came up round the east before Edmund changed direction (6)
- 5 Not wholly courageous during storm (4)
- 6 HEARS (5-3)
- 7 Cut 50% of religious studies (4)
- 8 Feudal lord cooked meringues after Frenchman left (8)
- 12 GOMAD (12)
- 14 Air of sadness (5)

- 16 No surprised exclamation reaching island boat (5,3)
- 17 Making the drink go round (8)
- 19 TE (4-4)
- 22 Boss takes leading industrialist round workroom (6)
- 24 Female not starting, sadly out of sorts (4)
- 25 Vivacity of tailless animal (4)