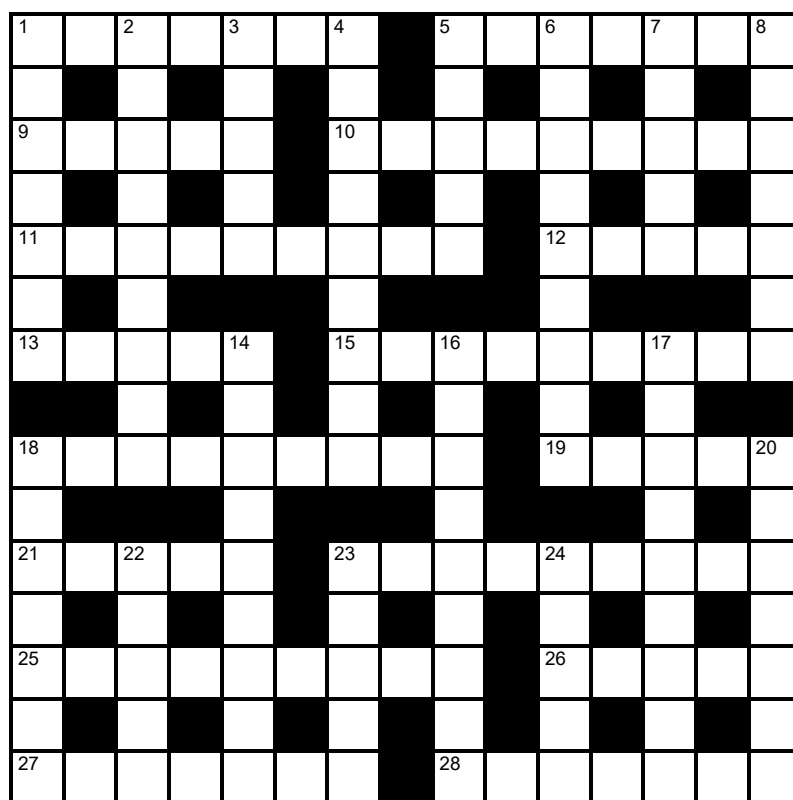


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- 1 Hear second-rate status of fashionable residences causes puzzlement (7)
- 5 Sink measurement schoolboy is expected to know? (7)
- 9 Indulge niece a little producing exotic spirit (5)
- 10 Seasonal entertainment broadcast of a young male at home, possibly around 9? (9)
- 11 Following start of trip enquire after church mission group (4,5)



- 12 Police trainee acted suspiciously (5)
- 13 Meaning surgeon provided alongside report's conclusion (5)
- 15 Learning publication is covering sport (9)
- 18 Makes progress in successful recruitment of school principal (4,5)
- 19 Excerpt from Carpenters' record (5)
- 21 Rough-built dwelling in France with which James corresponds reportedly (5)
- 23 Left Foreign Office accompanied by smear over range of investments (9)
- 25 Horse, eager at jumping around building material (9)
- 26 Agree Easter to be chosen alternately for traditional Christmas fare (5)
- 27 Parliament backs German city in marking educational centres (7)
- 28 Medicine turned up initially in an English county (7)
- 16 Vehicle's treatment is short of a token of confirmation (9)
- 17 Mind cricket, for instance, neglecting society without order (9)
- 18 Ask how nuts suspended from end of string can supply a bird (7)
- 20 Those running amok emerge from city with the press oddly (7)
- 22 Point of view that might be obtuse? (5)
- 23 Hairstyle is pleasing to a Parisian (5)
- 24 Dickensian character portrayed smoking? (5)
- 4 Replace excellent highly-ranked tennis star, say (9)
- 5 Rod catches nothing but hollowed tree trunk? (5)
- 6 Ostracise writer after brief support (9)
- 7 Epic story of artist returning to capture island (5)
- 8 Toffees from the North? Cannot reveal some are from the South (7)
- 14 No gratitude shown by extremely tough joints over Sunday opening (9)
- 3 Frail structure for

Down