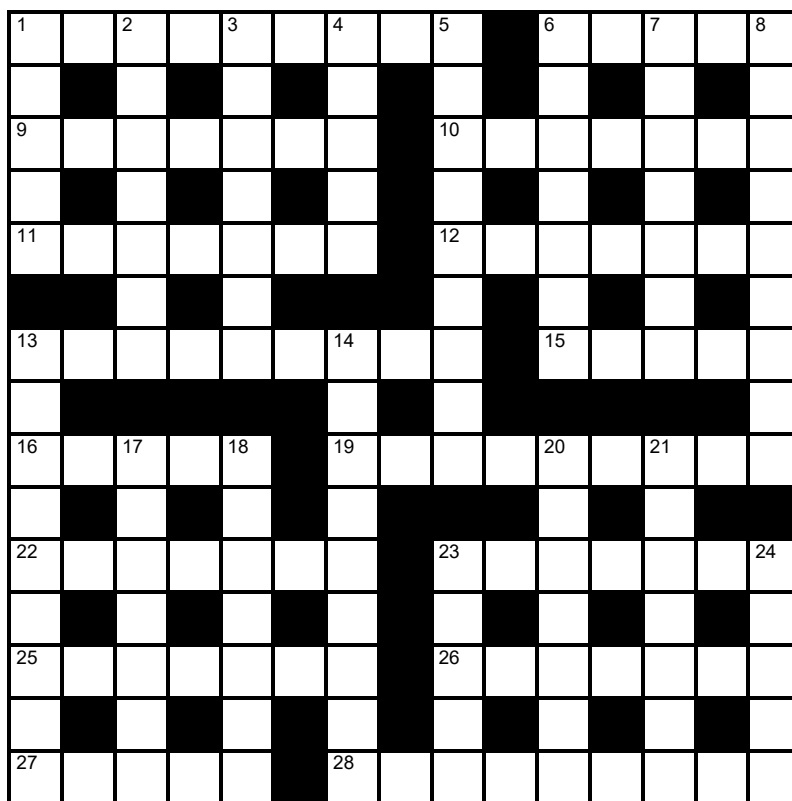


Across

- 1 Bearer of moving charge fixed with bayonet? (5,4)
- 6 Practitioner treated 500 mice (5)
- 9 Metallic component of Kazakhstan nickel? (7)
- 10 Disturbed herons love habitats like this (7)
- 11 Setter's inverted depression is clear (7)
- 12 Runner's a natural flier (7)
- 13 The best contact point for chocoholics? (5,4)
- 15 Find girl in Lawrence's embrace over the way (5)



- 16 Second swimmer undergoes heart transplant (5)
- 19 Blend terrines with a hint of ecstasy for trips bringing one down to earth (2-7)
- 22 Mistake noted in assassination of mature leader of revolt (7)
- 23 Fancy - even if before time (7)
- 25 Pull in a vehicle reversing in racing event (7)
- 26 Consummate leader fails to finish and is engulfed by hail (7)
- 27 Noble, but endlessly dim about ... about ... (5)
- 28 Medallists perhaps

redistribute purse following track investigation's conclusion (7-2)

American cheat taking the essence of bonking to heart (7)

17 Call up that woman first - she's unorthodox (7)

18 Lithium and essential oil together make up a hairy concoction (3-4)

20 Foot of fabulous bird you once squeezed (7)

21 Soprano follows artist making an entrance (7)

23 Teach tenor control in the auditorium (5)

24 Tether ram that's inside (3,2)

Down

- 1 Story about special league is just a yarn (5)
- 2 Building material's relative appeal edifies at first (7)
- 3 Line of smack leads to hospital department (7)
- 4 Rough diamond? Endlessly awkward and loveless (5)
- 5 Miss Davis scours almost half of Rochester for a kebab (9)
- 6 Fur from married

7 Compound in the southern States holds the leaders of Oman and Djibouti in isolation (7)

8 Gloomy Marxist sees left and right in disorder (9)

13 Frindall used it for developing records about cricket averages primarily (9)

14 Instrument used by soldier to measure variable quantity? (9)