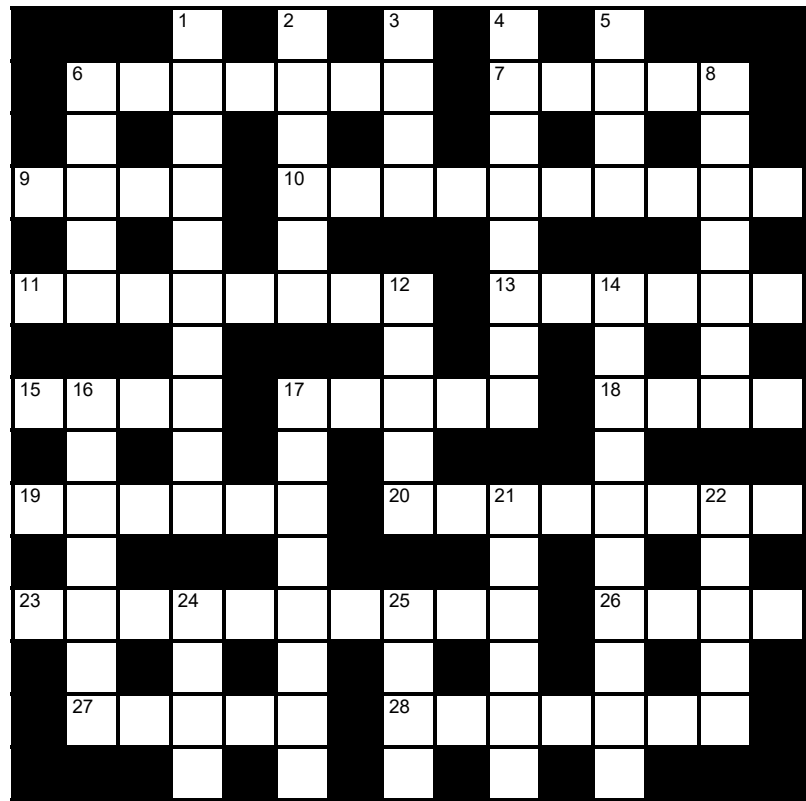


Across

- 6 One who changes direction with unscrupulously faithful follower (7)
- 7 A German pistol student dropped, boring thing! (5)
- 9 English novelist's French friends? (4)
- 10 Sailors do this to the hatches, curiously downbeat attentions at heart (6,4)
- 11 Type of shelter for Danish story-teller we hear (8)
- 13 Sucker, fellow who counts votes (6)
- 15 Twist empty, insignificant words (4)
- 17 Somewhat sore, belligerent insurrectionist (5)



- 18 Good antique riches (4)
- 19 Country with gold four-wheeled carriage (6)
- 20 For this Scottish maker of ales oddly barley was principally the easy recipe (8)
- 23 Dislike of foreign things - one American phone box destroyed (10)
- 26 Bird is admitting ambiguous sexual identity (4)
- 27 Inexperienced solver - no good! (5)
- 28 Begin again painting, after inactivity (7)

Down

- 1 Terrible scare reached a conclusion - rose again (10)
- 2 Provides proof one was not at crime scene; bail is arranged (6)
- 3 Jog back to right (4)
- 4 Dad learnt in a fashion befitting of a father (8)
- 5 Very old French impressionist briefly turned up (4)
- 6 Beginning of wandering state for old girl (5)
- 8 Unfair treatment of immature soft wood (3,4)

- 12 Person of great wealth, the head, entertains a bishop (5)
- 14 Worried climatologists, not most inordinately related to planning (10)
- 16 Fatuously in an English fenland city (7)
- 17 Approximate time for dietary fibre (8)
- 21 Coral snake on alert, essentially, to glide away (6)
- 22 Partly unpredictable official proclamation (5)
- 24 Work of ordinary moggie mostly (4)
- 25 Brought into existence a dry chalk bed, it's said (4)