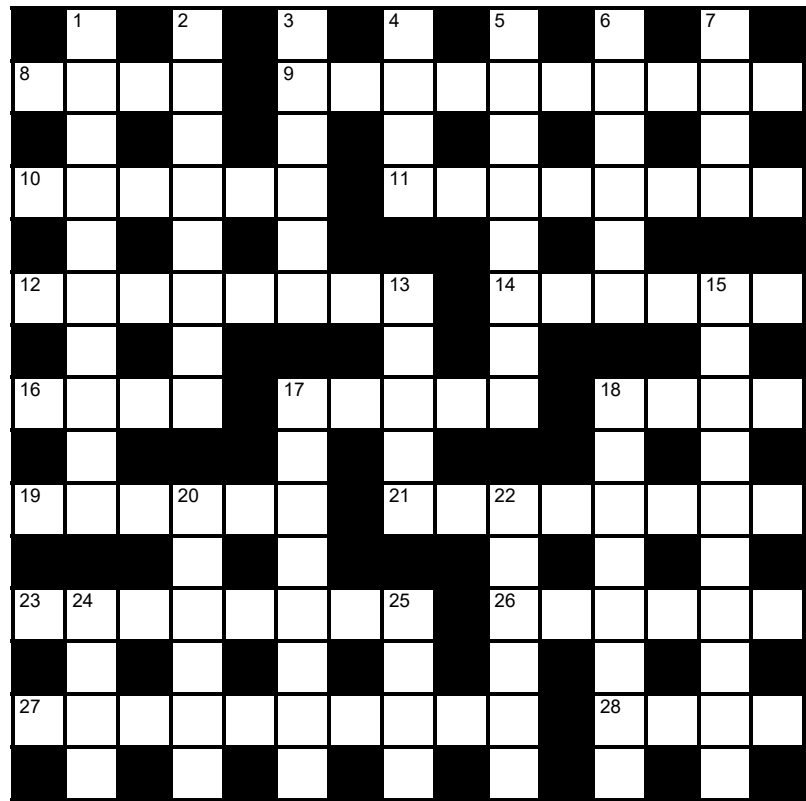


Across

- 8 Ruler originally alienates old peasant commune (4)
- 9 Offensive description of Yeti (10)
- 10 Light brown colour of overturned cask left initially as worthless (6)
- 11 Small company getting into intricate e-money in activity carried out using Internet (1-7)
- 12 A hormone for space traveller (8)
- 14 US residential area incumbent on women, first and last (6)
- 16 Some modest verses (4)
- 17 Heavenly body to draw near on time (5)
- 18 Not keen to work, move furtively, not starting (4)
- 19 Emergency! Half ship's complement is in sickbay principally (6)
- 21 Refuse to acknowledge record liberal objective (8)
- 23 Small buzzer at first heard before organised flyover (8)
- 26 Measure of printed matter, nothing sent back before period of time (6)
- 27 Confused program regularly scatty, it's written in cypher! (10)
- 28 Sent back painful 12 across (4)



Down

- 1 Diplomat of highest rank; exceptional armada boss (10)
- 2 Style of dress for royal lady (8)
- 3 Military entertainment to produce skin design (6)
- 4 Pigeon in Yosemite descended nose first (4)
- 5 Peer versus price cut (not duke!) (8)
- 6 Gent, an awfully greedy fellow! (6)
- 7 Fruit's mostly well filled out (4)
- 13 With a large cupola raised, not entirely out of fashion (5)
- 15 Type of boot not primarily bulging with fashion (10)
- 17 About a quiet movement - a trading necessity (4,4)
- 18 I make damaging statements about person from Stornoway, say (8)
- 20 Reconstructed phrase could be invaluable to climbers (6)
- 22 In Islam a different type of food (6)
- 24 Somewhat retrogressive monstrous tyrant (4)
- 25 Bowl someone out in northern city (4)