

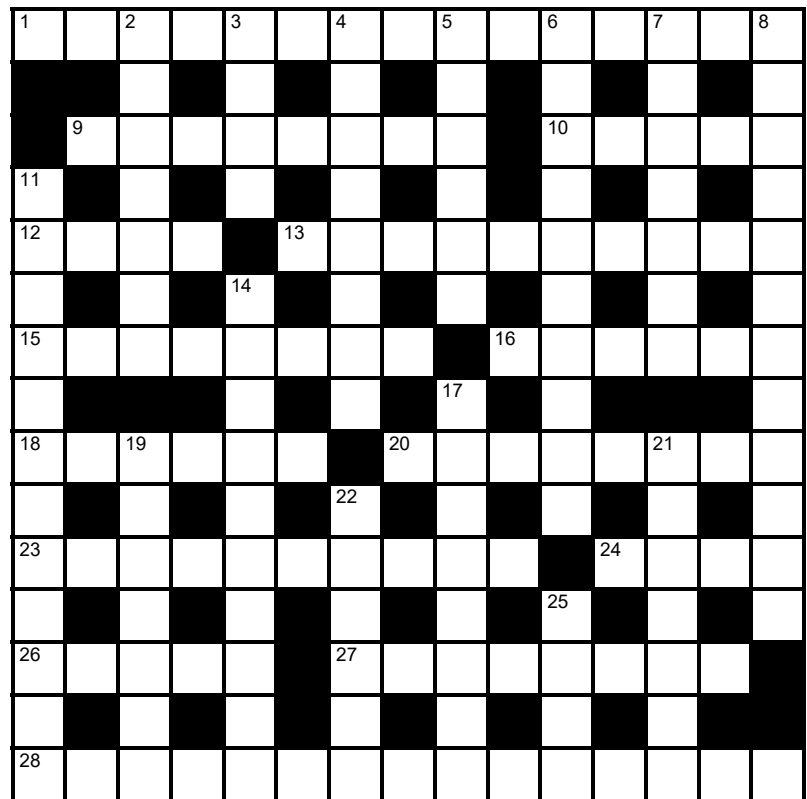
Across

- 1 Fashion firm's catalogue featuring hot top that's hard to find? (10,5)
- 9 Started running when attacked (6,2)
- 10 Government committee - it's venomous! (5)
- 12 Acknowledges absence of Detective Sergeant (4)
- 13 Accepted view from incompetent official? No it's rejected (10)
- 15 Better player like Serrano? (5,3)
- 16 Report to the top intern (4,2)
- 18 Halo effect of coach following game (6)
- 20 Mockery's made of peace when Redcaps oust nation's leader (8)

- 23 Supplied with arms, troop intercepts criminal in demo (10)
- 24 High spot's a school's second master butting head of English (4)
- 26 Call and wow two Europeans (5)
- 27 That man's inspired by right wingers' ideas (8)
- 28 Quickly plaster cheek and lip wound (4,3,8)

Down

- 2 See red removing crust of strawberry crumble (7)
- 3 Vessels, brought by Vanuatu sailor, in numerous finales (4)
- 4 Many thanks heard for guiding light (8)
- 5 Envy principally involved in



- 6 Crawlers officer apprehended between borders of Surrey and Hampshire (10)
- 7 Inspiring way Crosby introduced himself welcoming you in conversation (7)
- 8 Obsessive type, Del Boy for one, bearing pains comically (12)
- 11 Profligate uncle in Monaco - one name-dropping randomly (12)
- 14 Tweak Australia Day stag event's ending (10)
- 17 Telegraph's head count (8)
- 19 Military music genre characterises blokes (7)
- 21 China's acquiring revolutionary harvesting tool (7)
- 22 Daring programme starts on television late evening... (6)
- 25 ...throw blame on the radio (4)