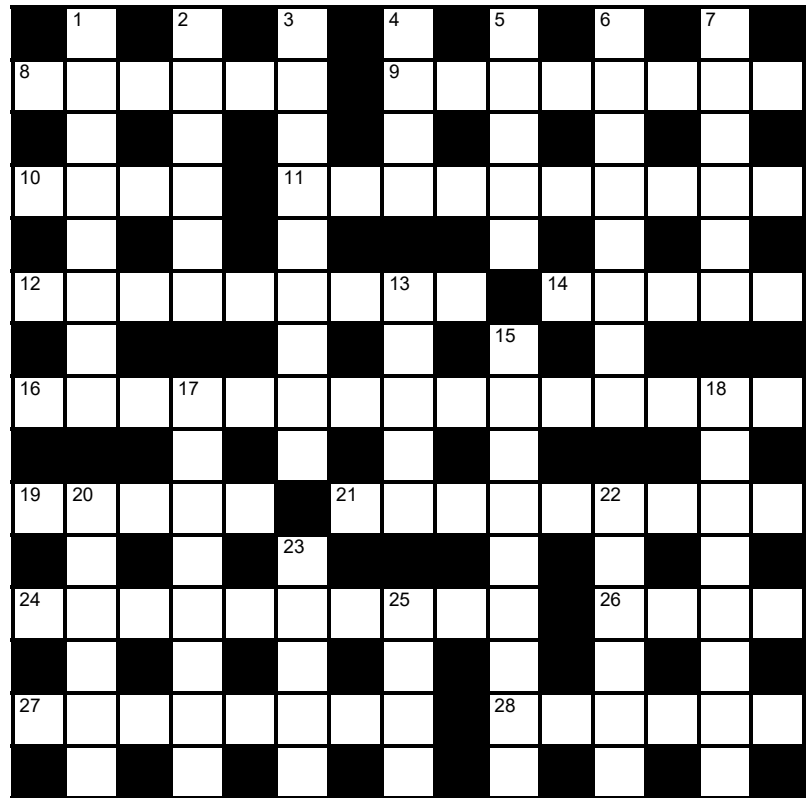


Across

- 8 Decoration can seem extremely lovely at first (6)
- 9 Hypnotic sorcery takes cardinal aback (8)
- 10 Magnesium silicate essential to hospital clinic (4)
- 11 Teach crime after prison inmates' intrigue (10)
- 12 Last word in railway hotel's core feature (9)
- 14 Attractive woman left unfinished tower (5)
- 16 Crisis in government when song precedes data analysis (6,9)
- 19 My penetrating article bearing fruit (5)
- 21 Golly! Miss out deductive reasoning (9)
- 24 Periodical gets outstanding justice (10)
- 26 Stare impertinently when monster changes sides (4)
- 27 I head to follow conflict with caution (8)
- 28 Determined to be camping? (6)

Down

- 1 I'm astir, beginning to unwrap boiled sweet (8)
- 2 Spy revolutionary Marxist spirit (6)
- 3 Everyone in attendance calls 'More!' wildly (9)
- 4 Sign of a hen party? (4)



- 5 Yawning disparity between edges of architrave (5)
- 6 Subsequent to a rising assign last bit of joint blame (8)
- 7 Move round ring... (6)
- 13 ...on edge, then make loser finally very disheartened (5)
- 15 Obsessive odd geeks filch painkiller (9)
- 17 Perhaps housemaid's knee relapsing in bedsit is rubbish (8)
- 18 Young flier sent mad by Heather (8)
- 20 Referee's assistant turned up sporting Tom's neckwear (6)
- 22 Government rule that hurt the unfinished extension (6)
- 23 Not the same fuss when bass leaves... (5)
- 25 ... and singer chucks tenor for soprano (4)