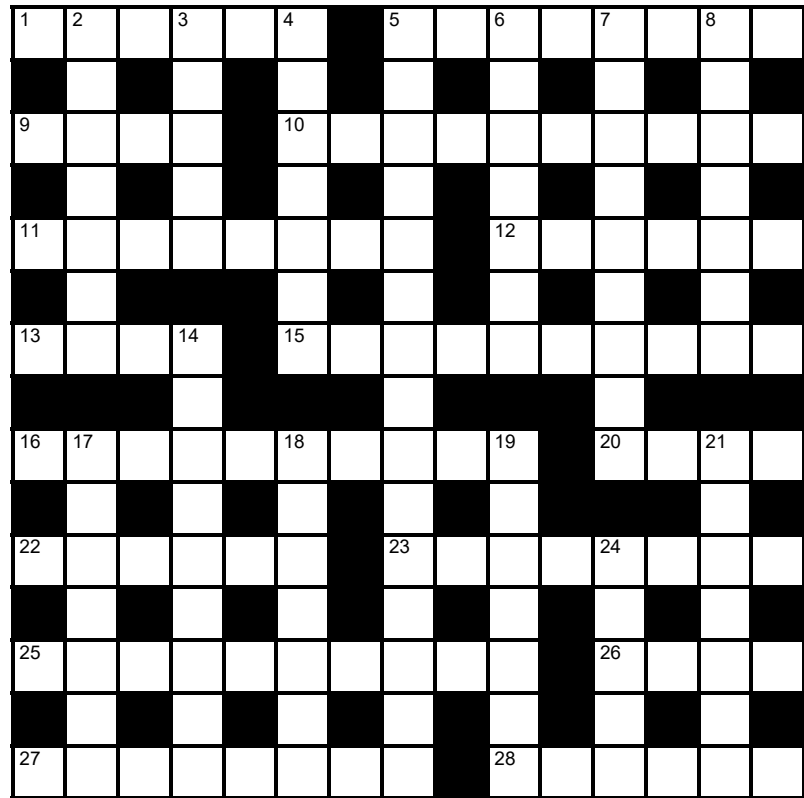


**Across**

- 1 Desert dweller pruned winning rose (4,2)
- 5 One abandoned deduction of coinage (8)
- 9 Skiver ultimately drawn in by short day? Yes! (4)
- 10 Suspect crooked old barrier that won't open (6,4)
- 11 Found egg slices two consumed (8)
- 12 Problem drawing like the curt old lady (6)
- 13 Low stand for somewhere in the middle (4)
- 15 Chocolate, alcohol and drug welcoming space flight enabler (4-6)
- 16 Default score, United block abnormal bet (3,2,1,4)
- 20 Was sorry about coming across as offensive and cross (4)
- 22 "Showers" he's saying "over at the start" (6)
- 23 Twist as villain edges to lady with stick (8)
- 25 Dummy approved less of which skill I must replace (10)
- 26 Twin one observed on playground ride (4)
- 27 Got up again from seat, prime bits to discern (8)
- 28 Orders policeman is even getting around (6)



**Down**

- 2 Barb naked mounts engineer (7)
- 3 Say no to scrapping, right way to leave fighter (5)
- 4 Ukrainian city reverses a tax cut (7)
- 5 Transmutation of elements dispels earlier account closer to religion (7,8)
- 6 Dismay on a Wednesday, forget the date (7)
- 7 I acquired experience training dogs later (3,6)
- 8 Female athlete? (7)
- 14 Not so seemly love interest enjoying raunchy overtures (9)
- 17 Selection of beer tap under counter in tight spot (2,1,4)
- 18 Criticises American behind, then feels bad (7)
- 19 Little sweet and sour hamper (7)
- 21 Australian behind mirror (7)
- 24 What winds up Harry Green? Fellow's going to resign (5)