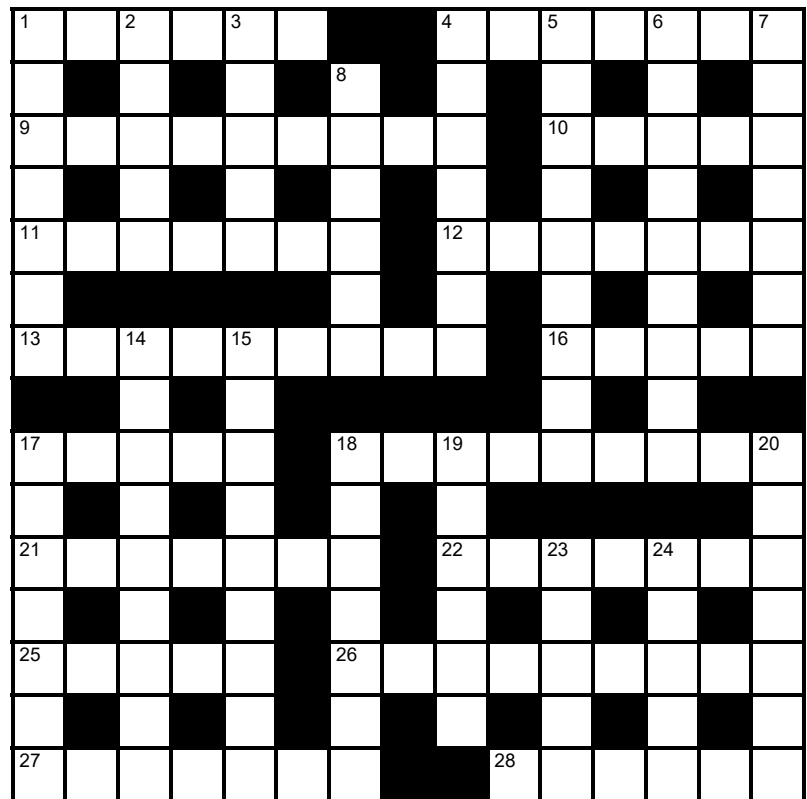


Across

- 1 Casino's gambling area including that French card game? (6)
- 4 Warrior, they say, is a veteran actor (7)
- 9 Hairdresser abandoned office employment (9)
- 10 Djado, as I see, features fertile spot (5)
- 11 Question wizard stashing name suspiciously (7)
- 12 Bishop permitted that woman to talk garrulous nonsense (7)
- 13 Doctor in time certain to get an opening (9)
- 16 Children's magazine, e.g. (5)
- 17 Greek god held back in forestry taskwork (5)
- 18 Other ranks entering a welcome treaty (9)
- 21 Surrender to be embraced by the German (7)
- 22 Oddly, we're arranging paper for covering (7)
- 25 Distinctive character of some banquet hosts (5)
- 26 Engineer and detectives sneak into open feast that's illusory (9)
- 27 Agitation of English politician during trial (7)
- 28 Tetras swimming or dead? (2,4)

Down

- 1 Choose to scrap tool (7)
- 2 Peculiarity of Irish king coming under queen (5)



- 3 The Spanish female, trendy and petite (5)
- 4 Shudder at maiden hugging soprano! On the contrary (7)
- 5 Bad onion seed that's set apart from others (2,3,4)
- 6 Mail rush with all possible speed (9)
- 7 Book a substitute in match (7)
- 8 State capital offering gold after sixth month (6)
- 14 Stay and somehow helm the three wise men reaching here (9)
- 15 Come around first to meet social climber (9)
- 17 American theologian unexpectedly sets out to be most blue (7)
- 18 Carrot eaten regularly by ace rap performer? (7)
- 19 Honour going to retired painter (6)
- 20 Ordeal of old jolly in canopy? (7)
- 23 A small department that's dazzlingly skilled (5)
- 24 19d favouring, initially, prime ranker in zoology examination (5)