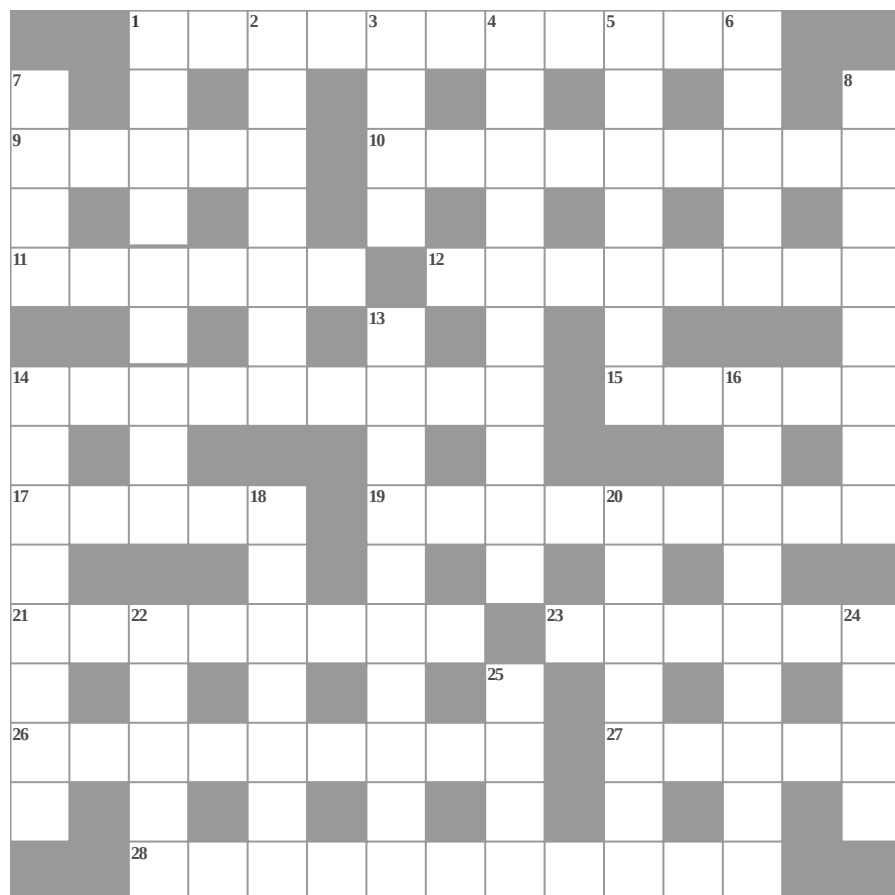


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ACROSS

- 1 Opposes detective breaking agreements (11)
9 Player's very short attack (5)
10 Lethargy – it is evident in girl of the upper classes half dead (9)
11 Lift female unwell with minimal cash (6)
12 Abandoned gaol is accommodating former monarch's wives and mistresses (8)
14 Learner always "getting on" financed by loans (9)
15 Look, a pig somewhat larger than this animal (5)
17 Form rough judgement of people at party wasting time (5)
19 Star writer with silver-lined vehicle (9)
21 Desire to appear with band in silky fabric (8)
23 Drink knocked back by river where students live and work (6)
26 Areas in very fast vehicle out of this world (9)
27 Presumably rendered able to move round, this writer took initiative (5)
28 Performing artists get digitally immersed, as Spooner might roughly say? (11)

DOWN

- 1 Ruined castle – contest message of acceptance? (4,2,3)
2 Snooper interrupted more than once by one more vociferous (7)
3 Function of lowly commoner, not leader (4)
4 One in a sort of tree but not atop it (10)
5 Smart attempt to capture a city (7)
6 Head of sailing to pick member of crew (5)
7 Islamic ruler sacrificing one young animal (4)
8 Lecturer is into cannabis, endlessly looking for kicks? (8)
13 An opening accordingly accommodates a new garden plant (10)
14 Girl is fitted into space module that allows no room for flexibility (8)
16 A new silo for storing what is harvested – impressive building (9)
18 Fantastic tail-ender for county dismissed for a half-century (7)
20 Sailor, an isolated marine inhabitant (7)
22 Good person leading a very loud workforce (5)
24 A party's served up fizzy drink (4)
25 Propaganda something wicked? Must keep quiet (4)