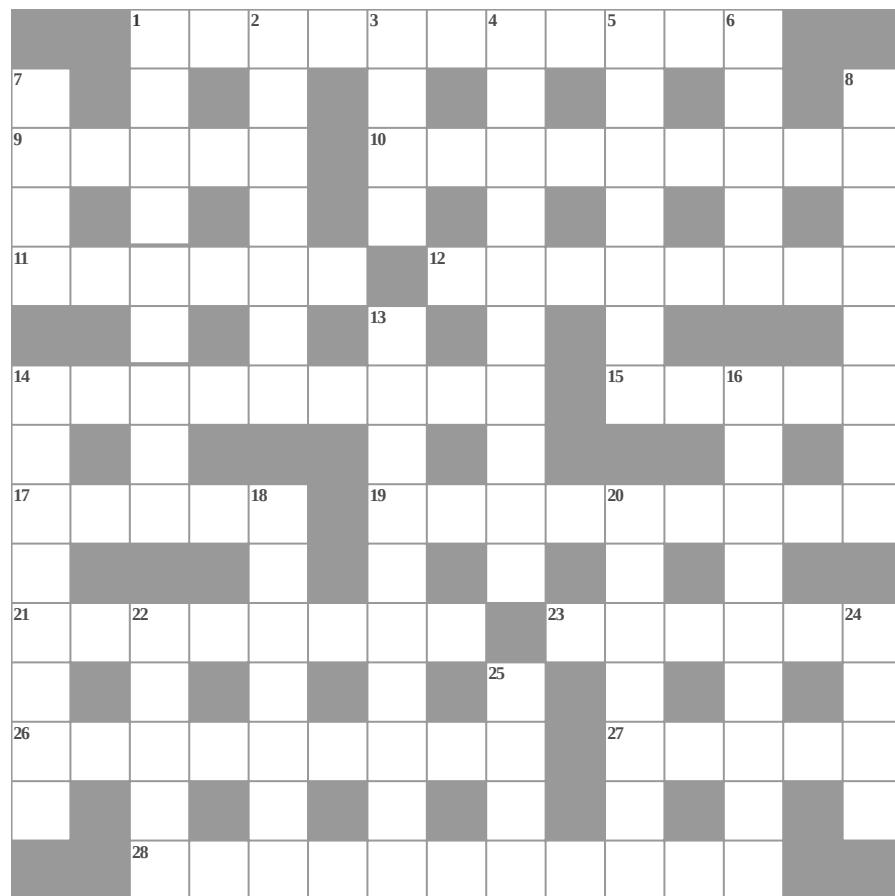


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**ACROSS**

- 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)