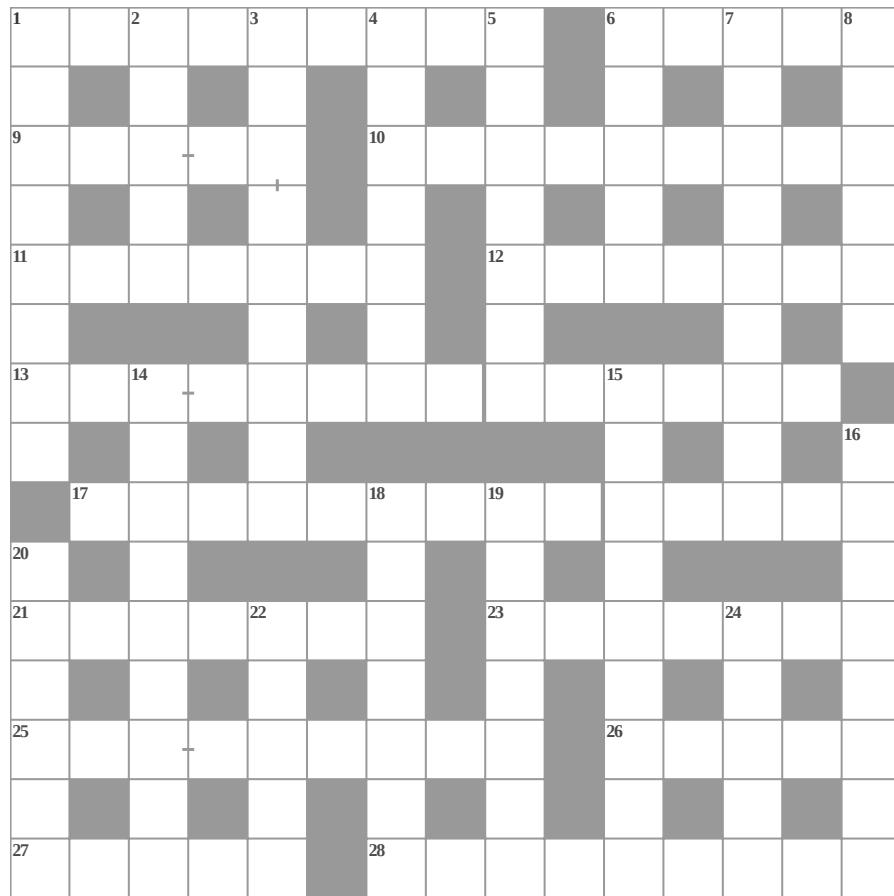


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**ACROSS**

- 1 Smith possibly loads millions into vessel (9)
- 6 Came across books about family emblem? (5)
- 9 Temporary work secured by youngster (3-2)
- 10 Tree-hugging Russian leader, dear me! (9)
- 11 Where one might feed an adolescent on chocolate primarily (7)
- 12 Bit of a strain on old English chair (7)
- 13 They say I'm quiet six days of the week, however ... sweet! (3-5,6)
- 17 Hairpieces got coloured brown in the end – this colour would have been worse (9,5)
- 21 Chosen artist, one of seven sisters (7)
- 23 Recollection of something essential, like one of your five a day? (7)
- 25 Awkward situation with verbal agreement – stuffed! (3-6)
- 26 Outstanding fellow in green trousers (5)
- 27 Boat ending in Germany with crew from there? (5)
- 28 On-screen cast interrupted by a sympathetic character (9)

DOWN

- 1 Better feature after you texted brother (8)
- 2 A stump up when root cut in tree (5)
- 3 Underground fluid protects masking tape, ultimately (3-6)
- 4 007 perhaps sat upon by his boss a shade (7)
- 5 Antsy energy provider upset, switched over fuels (7)
- 6 Hat-wearing duke is feature of *Don Quixote*? (5)
- 7 Cactus inhabiting moor for the duration (9)
- 8 PM on top of border chaos (6)
- 14 Skin blister's back in plague (9)
- 15 Something retired people put on finally opening in nearby city (9)
- 16 Loosen tight nut on corner (8)
- 18 Good joke – bad joke in it? (7)
- 19 Popular dishes that accompany offal? (7)
- 20 Formal wear picked up for club entertainer (6)
- 22 No more food for breakfast (5)
- 24 Wedding something painful, bachelor a no-show? (5)