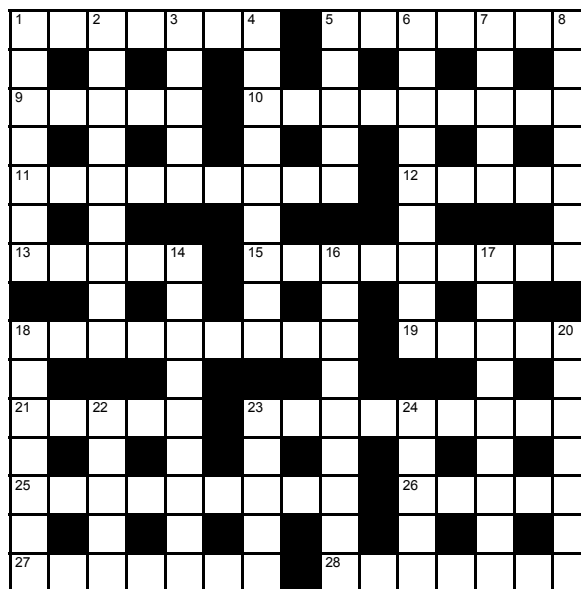


Across

- 1 Were any changes made for 2023? (3,4)
- 5 Dad backs coal-produced drink (7)
- 9 Riempi is not half thin and strong (5)
- 10 Sunday sauntering brings intimate face-to-face meeting (9)
- 11 I had a client raving exactly the same (9)
- 12 Mountains that Lassie embraced (5)
- 13 Discontented Karl loves final Wittedrif valley (5)
- 15 Preparation for study in East? So odd (9)
- 18 Glorified notion one's led mysteriously (9)
- 19 Endless good fortune and even died sane (5)
- 21 Nerd throws out "Be wed!" (5)
- 23 Chef has villa in little Eastern Cape town (9)
- 25 Alarmingly devious after Tom, Win and you lose your heads (9)
- 26 Funny, I love this fabric (5)
- 27 Encourage Nicky now and again to hurry (7)
- 28 Audibly question appearances of underwear (1-6)



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- 20 Needs conglomerate, grabs empty packhorse and goes down further (7)
- 22 Looking at complying when ex-pupil leaves (5)
- 23 Swear briefly, peel the ultimate gooseberry and get comfortable (5)
- 24 Linger, emptying nothing from vacuum cleaner (5)

Down

- 1 Pedantically complain about insect on top of cream (7)
- 2 Healthy with depression so extremely manageable (9)
- 3 Cube without mass? (5)
- 4 Resistance established about 'sure-fire' relaxing treatments (4-5)
- 5 A charge for island (5)
- 6 Company cat like nervous bird (9)
- 7 Philip hides a bottle (5)
- 8 Mythical creature quiet, for example, when above America (7)
- 14 Out-and-out hurricane? (4-5)
- 16 Having both male and female characteristics, Andrew draws in Roger and unknown last woman (9)
- 17 Ban uncles (nine, Roman, old) 'reinventing' themselves (9)
- 18 Leads intrepid nature devotee, leveraging