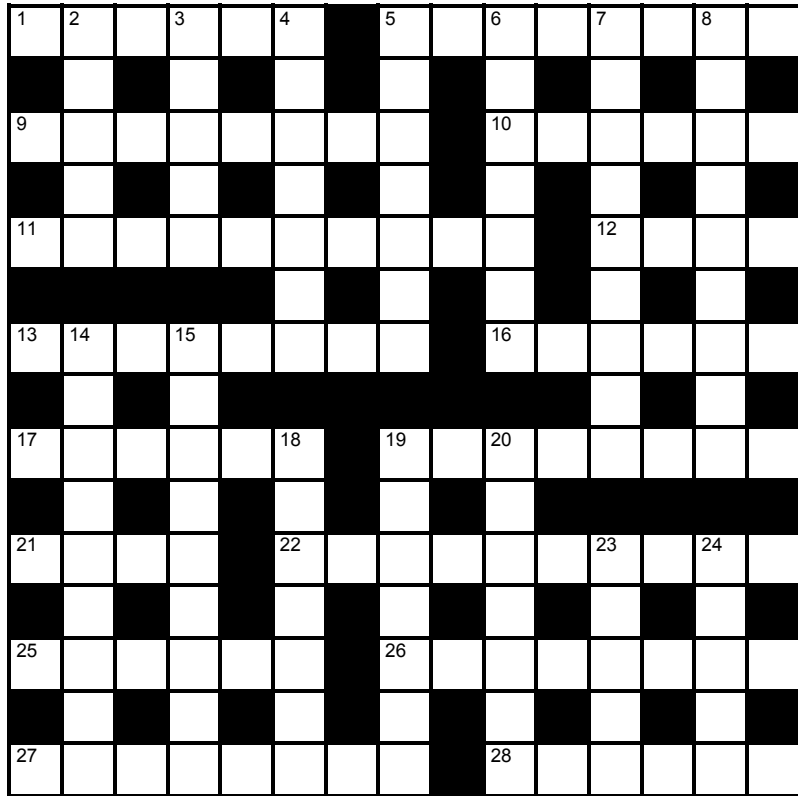


Across

- 1 & 5 If Americans lark about with can-opener , they get in the soup (6)
- 5 see 1 across (8)
- 9 An unpredictable worker sounds so cocky (8)
- 10 Get along possibly then go away and create conflict (6)
- 11 Renege in time , so get worse (10)
- 12 Smart boy had a drink, then got cross (4)
- 13 Game loser almost cast-off (8)



- 16 Violent ghost or mysterious intruder (6)
- 17 First miler at the race-course brings you luck (6)
- 19 Jerks at the newspapers start using previous statements (5-3)
- 21 Look for in cross-Canada race (4)
- 22 Game to support ham (10)
- 25 Told to choose parts of prison to make a picture (6)
- 26 Current regulator's upset at others (8)

27 Begin with the leading persuader (5,3)

28 Deduct rent the sailors left for their bill (6)

Down

- 2 Originally, narrowing extends round veins entering cheek (5)
- 3 I across gets nothing for first user of computer control (5)
- 4 Choppers head off for those about to depart (7)
- 5 Home for bread and cheese (7)
- 6 Listen, she takes

apart car seats without a worry (7)

7 I type, anoraks go off to see (9)

8 Female rip-off - showing us lots of contours (6,3)

14 Radical's christian name - perhaps but not mine! (9)

15 He talks endlessly, sent curator mad (9)

18 Sailor navigated in coast region of Mexico (7)

19 Stuff deserter gets for useless collector (4,3)

20 E's described as being such a clever person (7)

23 Contracting rheumatics lost heart to play this (5)

24 Speak of doctor at examination (5)