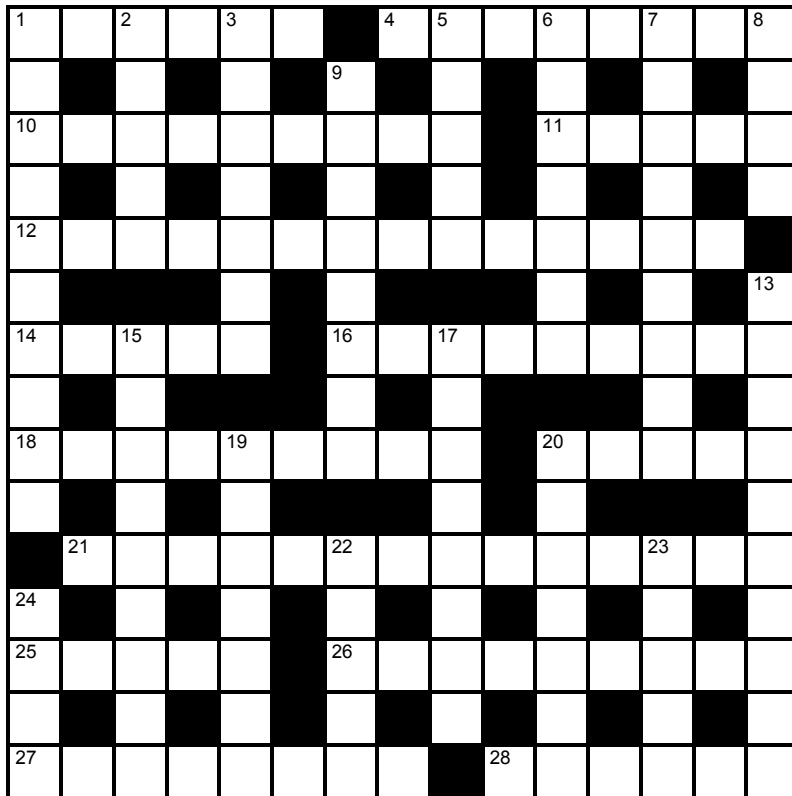


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Across

- 1** Cut back gel, no good in hair that stands up (6)
4 Arsenal keeper's third amazing calamity (8)
10 When blotto, seal lips around a straw to get the rest? (9)
11 Wipe the floor with flash young boxer? (3,2)
12 Travellers' protector's crazy as shrubs (2,8,4)
14 Series of tests remains (5)
16 Train pupils to throw a ball, perhaps? (4,2,3)

- 18** I'm ready, you sound unprepared... (9)
20 ...ready to be shot at dawn (5)
21 Between flights a plane parks in airfields (7,7)
25 Tot has area for play (5)
26 Dictator over east provokes horrific tableau finally (9)
27 Hearing related to blocking diary radical union leader's penned (8)
28 Entertained a thought (6)

Down

- 1** Jesus the man: extremely hairy, pale, undressed (10)
2 Tea cups at home? (5)
3 Records contain recent indication of new driver (1-6)
5 No-name linen, absurd copying (5)
6 Gammon I ate produced pungent gas (7)
7 Busy Lizzie's over-eager, starts to scramble for time (9)
8 See unknown after supernatural vision (4)
9 Coats, pants cover high fashion (5,3)

- 13** Killer band had a quest - to rock the world, ultimately (5,5)
15 Careless fellow not about to guess (9)
17 Russians purge army marshals, power transferred in the teeth of this? (4,4)
19 Ancient race of colonial England (3,4)
20 Eating flower in such a manner reversed problem in marsupial (7)
22 More appealing as queen under arrest, king set free (5)
23 Bows and bouquets (5)
24 Fancy fish are (4)