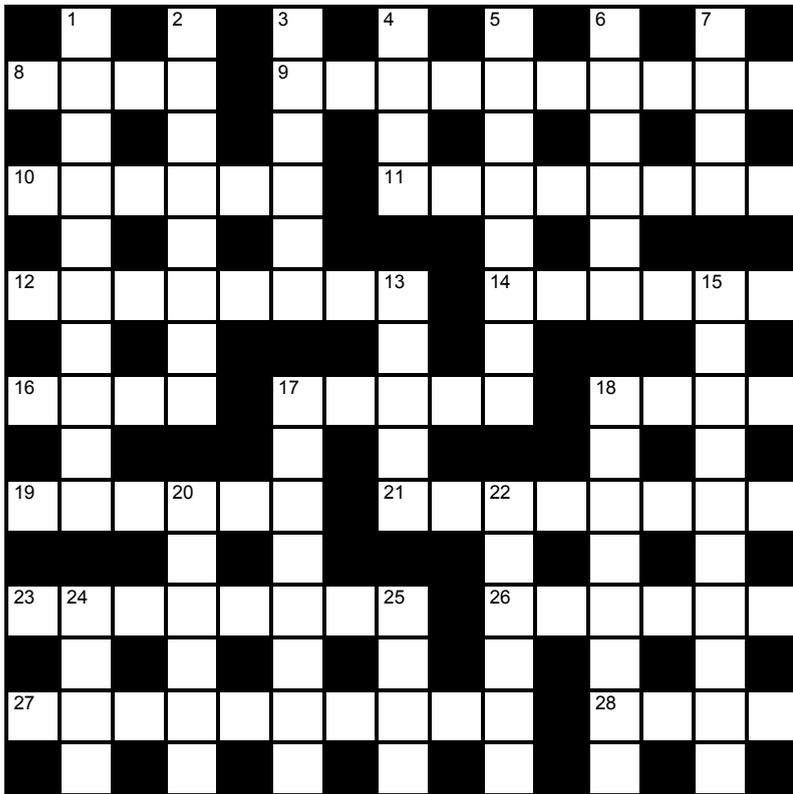


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Solvers should look around for a special message



**Across**

- 8** Cut in benefits ultimately starts to annoy whole nation (4)
- 9** Scrutinising light metal in cheap jewellery (10)
- 10** "Time's about to run out" reflected Rebekah Wade at one point? (6)
- 11** Posh youngster I had seen around injecting heroin (3-2-3)
- 12** Military get-up? (8)
- 14** Amazed by concealing good tricks (6)
- 16** Greek character is off to Athens first of all (4)
- 17** They offer a wraparound service in India (5)
- 18** Asian couple in conversation (4)
- 19** A bear turned on a French animal supporter (6)
- 21** Put curse on old mate prior to start of eviction case (8)
- 23** Name price, subtract 1, divide by 10, divided by 1, getting this result? (8)
- 26** Send out further orders to consume energy (6)
- 27** Make layman get up after writing new clues (10)
- 28** Terrible shot? Rubbish! (4)
- 2** Several articles
- 3** European port orderly left without fuel (6)
- 4** Initially Palmerston, alternately Eden, finally Russell - or his predecessor first time round? (4)
- 5** Sky has a broadcast about maiden's headwear (8)
- 6** Mischievous leaders in seventh heaven after the Spanish provided backing (6)
- 7** Inches roughly shown by old ruler (4)
- 13** Predatory birds' lofty outlook is overstated in their yearbook (5)
- 15** Extremely dark
- 17** Aggressive bird, the green cormorant, snatching lion's share of takeaway (5-3)
- 18** Addressed untutored assembly after beheading (6,2)
- 20** Deceptive one won't have a single regret (6)
- 22** Student not looking initially for a job (6)
- 24** No hotel for escort's customer... (4)
- 25** ....taking part in industrious threesome (4)
- have been written about Frenchman, one that's hated (8)
- sweatshirt's in need of repair (10)