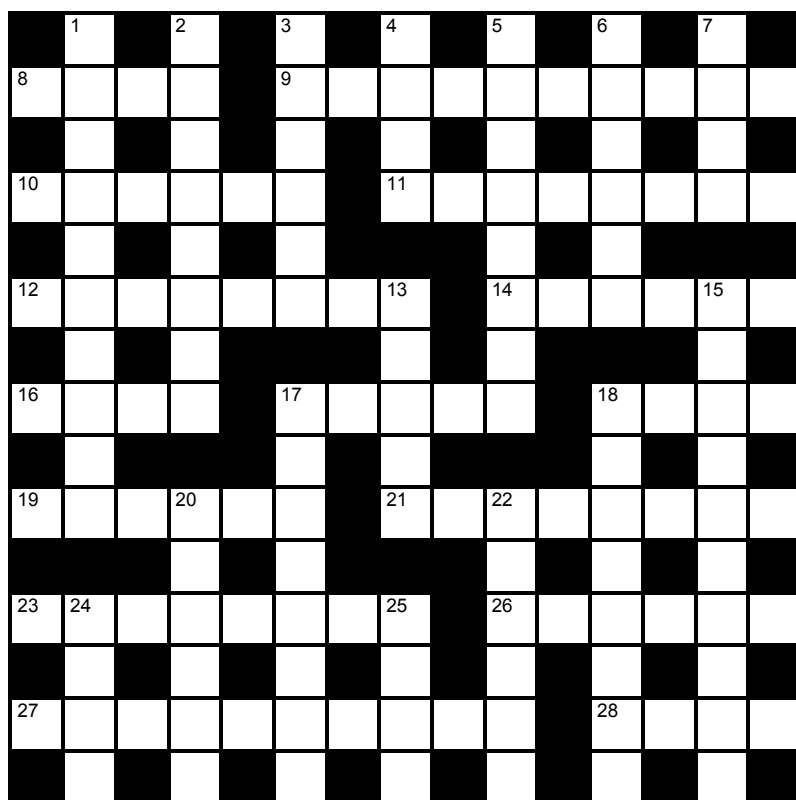


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Across

- 8** Airline's completely out of fruit for granny (4)
9 French island's against proposal for missile (10)
10 Republican mutual backing emerging for fall of Obama (6)
11 Effects of Christmas spirits mean no more for him? (8)
12 Someone missing rarely stays close to husband (8)
14 Pair of males succeeded on challenge number five (6)
16 Fret at limited view (4)
17 Half-heartedly

- secured what circus bird reportedly did for the fjords (5)
18 Well regulated and enlightened broadcast (4)
19 Besotted with minor bodily expansion (2,4)
21 Virtual fan has no right to fabricate complaint (5,3)
23 Breathless excitement but not a single winner (4,4)
26 Confectionery department came out with waffle (6)
27 Head psychologist on TV gets bird (10)
28 Do not pressure pretentious type (4)

Down

- 1** Volunteers built on a flawed arrangement (10)
2 Ritual challenge from New Zealand overshadows north country horse festival (8)
3 Setter's upset about £25 Hoover, say (6)
4 Churchwarden admitting love for single poet (4)
5 Dismissed judge on European court had a stash of grass? On the contrary (8)
6 Pestors topless extras (6)
7 Irritating piles restricted movement on stage (4)

- 13** Spy tracked down in Japan (5)
15 Peer was first to have come to a similar conclusion (8,2)
17 Common biplane adapted to conserve energy (8)
18 One fated to turn out hopeless on pitch (4-4)
20 American pack gets working-over (up top in the main) (2,4)
22 Home venture's faltering (6)
24 Old case starts to exhibit the usual imperfections (4)
25 What's necessary in Bangladesh, thanks to Ford? (4)