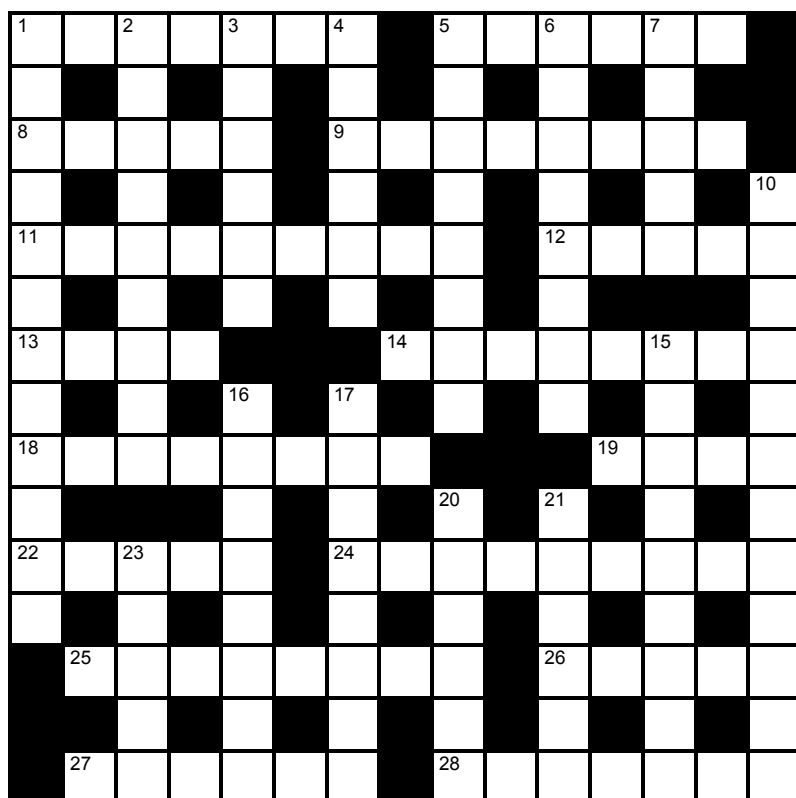


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Across

- 1 Strengthen rum, port, etc (7)
- 5 What marks do to get the tax and prices index? (3,3)
- 8 Ten flying bottles have shortened as it happens (5)
- 9 Blushes around lips on soprano (8)
- 11 Smithsonian renounced an outrageous Japanese cult (9)
- 12 Country that has adopted torture into its code (5)
- 13 Rip Torn's income (4)
- 14 'The Singing Detective' can start to grate (8)
- 18 There's one resident

- in Deva with bigger cleavage (8)
- 19 A little matter that may be found in Volume 1 of encyclopaedia? (4)
- 22 Word of impatience concerning dust (5)
- 24 Bit on the bonce by a thing from a pod? (5,4)
- 25 Imagine the racket round about quarter to six (8)
- 26 Grub regularly given to inmate in prison camp (5)
- 27 A being about to leave Jewish sect (6)
- 28 MacGuffin in 'Citizen Kane' bored us potty (7)

Down

- 1 To prepare hot food, topless au pair sees recipe translated by chef (8-4)
- 2 Compliance of those watching order for gold (9)
- 3 Not completely present, it yearns for existence or being (6)
- 4 This approach is what's adopted by diplomats in charge (6)
- 5 What Victor does with British motorcycles? (8)
- 6 Heartless newshounds chasing Bill Gates (8)
- 7 Dream-like (5)

- 10 Exercise control beginning with leg, then start to dance, as choreographed? (5-7)
- 15 Wild bunch I let in with child (2,3,4)
- 16 Knock out the suspect on top of Eiffel Tower (8)
- 17 Party with stupid berk on the edge of the pavement (8)
- 20 Final word from British monarch: "No king will succeed the throne" (6)
- 21 Old sayings will reveal depth after one gets older (6)
- 23 HS = LR (5)