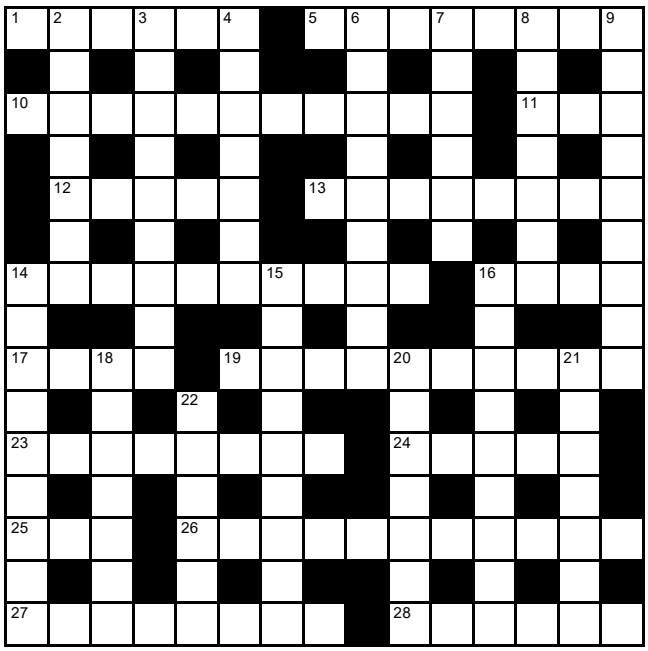

Across

1 Spoil, with 50% bleach, stone with coloured streaks? (6)

5 To some extent, wages cap is muddled wishful thinking (8)

10 Wretched state of fellow (or lord) nearly at North Cape (11)

11 Scottish Church's endless liqueur (3)

12 Die, covered in gold - farewell … (5)

13 … to her ma, suffering with a cyst (8)

14 Toff copies letters needing sorting here? (4,6)

16 Afterthought about, for example, cloakroom fittings? (4)

17 Former Spanish XI (4)

19 Class pen as office equipment (10)

23 Poison in outlandish beliefs (8)

24 Pupils' day off – part of the bigger picture? (5)

25 Money in first instalment (3)

26 Revolutionary heathen plan could be put in mothballs (11)

27 Writhing twin embracing one saint (George, initially) (8)

28 Romeo, alone at last, poses questions to be faced a second time? (6)

Down

2 Almost eloquent in recent times, old fruit! (7)

3 It's a label: "devilish old weapons" (9)

4 Each maiden in a frilly collar offers listener protection (7)

6 Brief: design modified cleat for performance (9)

7 One Australian state starts to exterminate rabbits: that's what's needed here (6)

8 Enterprise captain fails to start – rather annoying (7)

9 First person found on the outskirts of Reading before half seven with queen gets bird (9)

14 Host to tap out "facsimile" (9)

15 Young Ian hiding new doctor's kitchen utensil (6,3)

16 Mole slips carelessly into soft shoes (9)

18 Greek character opposed to Italian wine (7)

20 Henry's in white, beginning to roam – where to? (7)

21 Old colour with trace of cyan in it, now obsolete? (7)

22 Singer's allowed in pub? No, the opposite! (6)