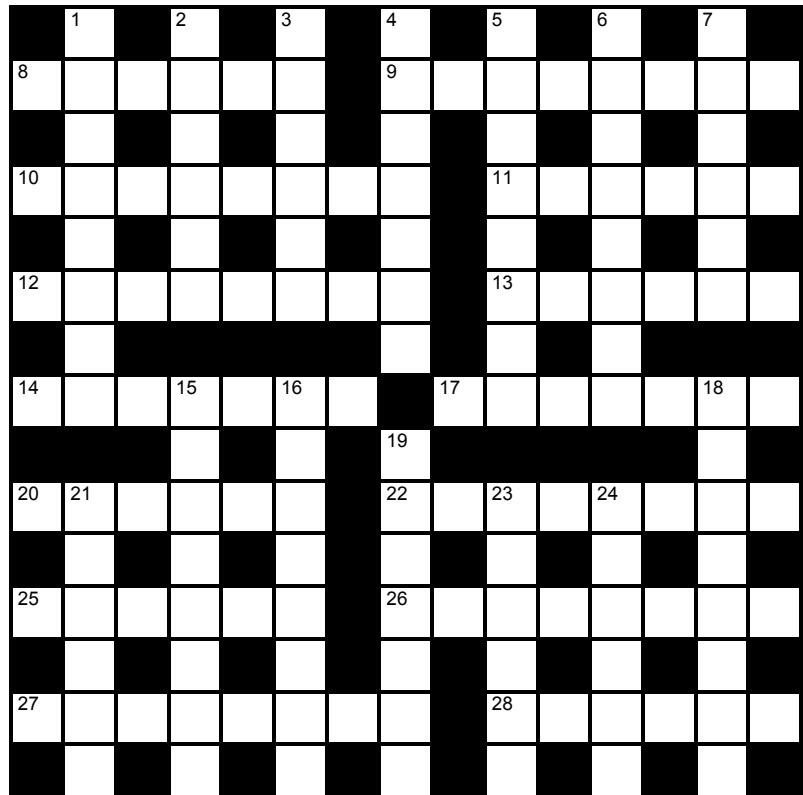


**Across**

- 8 Gold god? (6)
- 9 Monarch, the elder possibly (8)
- 10 Spontaneity, not any sort. Come on ! (4,2,2)
- 11 Like the characters in, "Jabberwocky" (6)
- 12 8 rotter left in good health (8)
- 13 Battle skirmish in pill-box (6)
- 14 Cure oak blight for 8 (7)
- 17 State of powder monkey after crash - mo-ped written off (3,4)



- 20 Like top young lawyers, urging magistrates to give refuge (6)
- 22 Woman ran and 'id in 8 (8)
- 25 A mixed bunch for 8 (6)
- 26 Dull as a director (8)
- 27 Sing about the politician, first Tory in 8 (8)
- 28 Like bed sir left, for nursemaid to arrange (6)

- benefactor lost face seeing 8 (6)
- 4 Rich offer - hostile in the end (7)
- 5 Credit Shiite with making 8 (8)
- 6 Change lad heard acting as an acolyte (5,3)
- 7 Where the taxis run on water (6)
- 15 State in which, people will say we're in love (8)
- 21 Eject rude little kid (6)
- 23 In here, Bush thinks he's a god (6)
- 24 Gain from mine company activities (6)

**Down**

- 1 Adherent went under finishing line , they say (4,4)
- 2 Some wish a pedestal basin moulded thus (6)
- 3 Liberal
- 16 First class moment to discover a mollusk (8)
- 18 Harps play do you start to hear the music? (8)
- 19 Very large and carried by 8 (7)