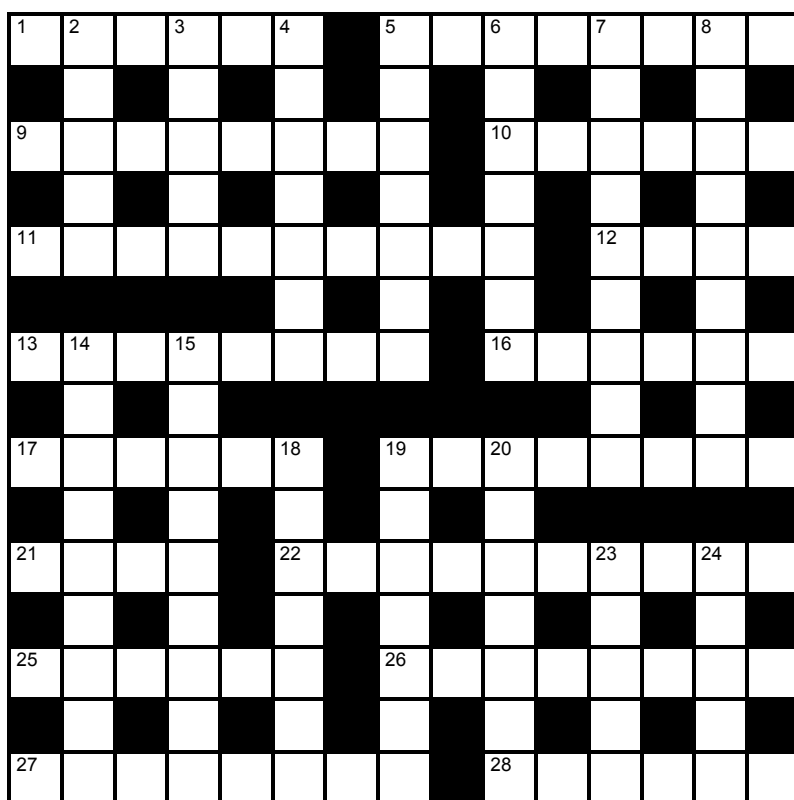


ARENA



Across

1 Potential dead good book (6)

5 Needs kip badly, being superficial (4,4)

9 Do riders swerving get into trouble (8)

10 Alligators leaving lair, furtively seeking crows (6)

11 Sack to donate, once it comes round (4,6)

12 Copy a portion of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (4)

13 Be in kinky slacks that won't cover your behind (8)

16 Concise translation loses nothing - that's beautiful (6)

17 Hank was one seen playing around cliff (6)

19 Spare cash he initially earned (8)

21 Old robe even strongman has (4)

22 Northern general or possibly Western hero (4,6)

25 Roger Vadim pleasantly smiled and showed it (6)

26 Plant a tin so? (8)

27 Tip dispatch rider, leaving Paris for an English city (8)

28 Barely touched yet desk is broken (6)

Down

2 Such an excuse from Svengali -biased, I'm sure (5)

3 Worker left dear, I'm told to run of with another (5)

4 A little 'continental', does it become a Frog? (7)

5 Dopey arises about mid-morning and has a snack (7)

6 French artist first seascape seen at entrance (7)

7 Does sport produce very thick *5 down* (9)

8 What you'll be charged when taxi meter's ticking over (5,4)

14 Goddess in jaunty period hat (9)

15 Book boy taking a siesta (9)

18 Lake in most extensive surroundings, in such a natural state (7)

19 Harlequins start by getting beaten down-under (7)

20 Where a road-runner might come to rest (3,4)

23 Observes tenors vocalising (5)

24 Dodged, twisted, defaulted - not daft (5)