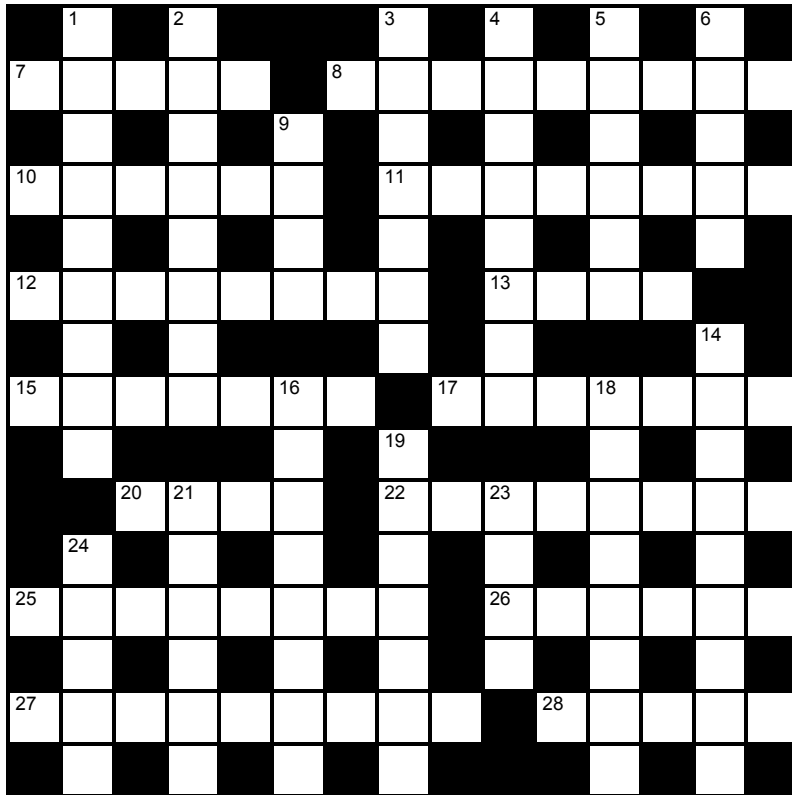


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The perimeter of the crossword reveals a question for which solvers should provide an answer.



Across

- 7 Start to include vitamin in drink (5)
 8 Final tree felled to make additional page (9)
 10 Lady's answer about part of Ulster problem (6)
 11 Briefly note advisors' special vehicles (8)
 12 Timeless stories about Irish state's old benefits system? (3,5)
 13 Information carrier regularly found in Channel Island (4)
 15 What may describe a brewer? (3,4)
- 17 Long to eat every other treacle sweet (7)
 20 Iran follows nothing reasonable (4)
 22 Arrangement of Sondheim's *Dolce Vita* (8)
 25 Unbelievable credit cut's hard to swallow? (8)
 26 Old sovereign leaves quiet island for Indian city (6)
 27 Cry of joy after swimming group finds youngster (9)
 28 Rested almost having had sex with officer (5)

Down

- 1 Virile wren loses hat swimming in watercourse (4,5)
 2 Cheap profit-making (8)
 3 Ultimate aim in the main (7)
 4 King Lear's daughter returns to support Peg's elder child (8)
 5 Tart embraces officer showing bottle (6)
 6 Stresses declaration of sexuality! (5)
 9 Leave land deal we are told (4)
 14 University students' friend tours youth centre - really! (9)
 16 Scratch game (8)
 18 Embrocation found in ten mil preparation (8)
 19 See a high priest returning in carriage (7)
 21 A new boat - yes indeed (3,3)
 23 Block English aristocrat (4)
 24 Play part of screen actress (5)