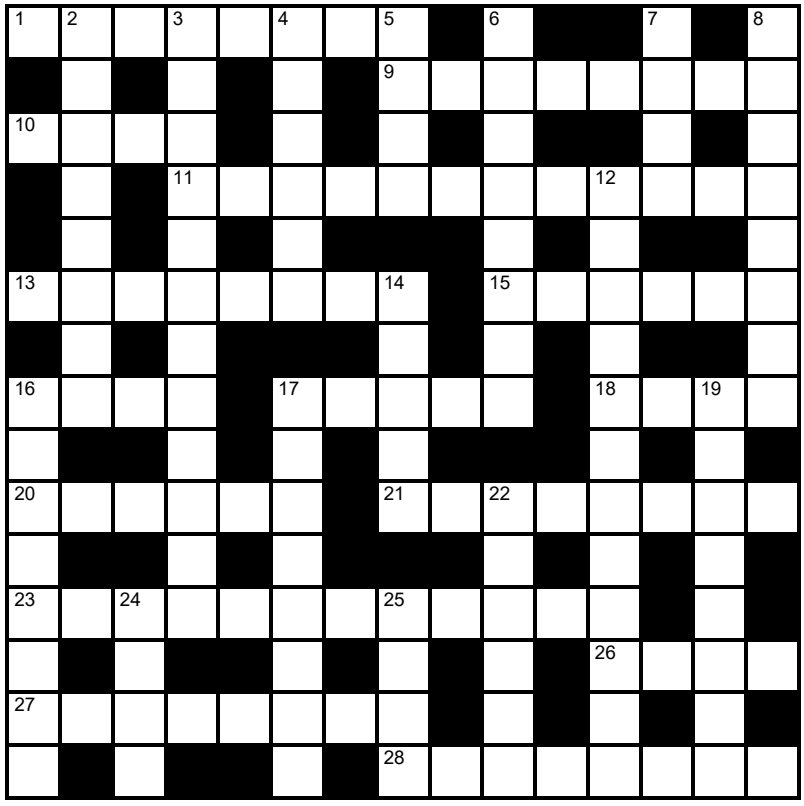
NTSPP - 578 by Simon

Nine clues are to be taken literally and have no definitions



Across

1 ROVE (4,4)

9 Sieve had become sticky (8)

10 The French female in command is not clerical (4)

11 SHORE (5-7)

13 Island train did come off the rails (8)

15 Counter work by model (6)

16 (E) (4)

17 MISTRUST (5)

18 Ben returned with Rex from industrial Germany (4)

20 It will not pass the acid test (6)

21 Costume for all musicians together (8)

23 ROELAS (4,2,6)

26 Tall leaves producer (4)

27 Squirming adder trapped Peter, colourful beast (3,5)

28 Elementary light? (4,4)

Down

2 Tenth speaker in musical works (8)

3 TEAR (8,4)

4 Parson came up round the east before Edmund changed direction (6)

5 Not wholly courageous during storm (4)

6 HEARS (5-3)

7 Cut 50% of religious studies (4)

8 Feudal lord cooked meringues after Frenchman left (8)

12 GOMAD (12)

14 Air of sadness (5)

16 No surprised exclamation reaching island boat (5,3)

17 Making the drink go round (8)

19 TE (4-4)

22 Boss takes leading industrialist round workroom (6)

24 Female not starting, sadly out of sorts (4)

25 Vivacity of tailless animal (4)