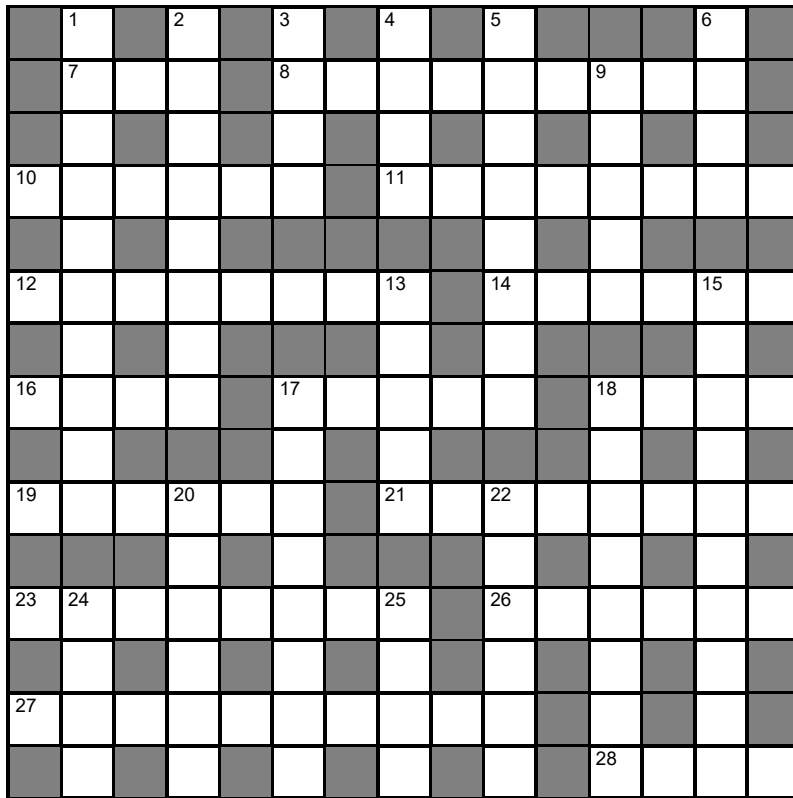


Cryptic 009 by Leucine



Across

- 7 Initially, the apotheosis of Chinese philosophical thinking. (3)
- 8 "Testy", I blare (sic). (9)
- 10 Harry Kane's small moccasins. (6)
- 11 Wary, cold chicken. (8)
- 12 Stripping sulphur from dotty art leads to boozing. (8)
- 14 Punctual hint at exits. (2,4)
- 16 Just water (4)
- 17 Bognor waterfront turns injustice about. (5)
- 18 Honorific in Tokyo

- East is entirely rational. (4)
- 19 Alcoholics Anonymous accommodates Laurel in Nur-Sultan. (6)
- 21 Almanac I destroyed - bonkers! (8)
- 23 Disdain for women in noisy gym. (8)
- 26 Excessive demand for Saint Jupiter Pluvius? (6)
- 27 Verne lunar adventure can make member tingle (5,5)
- 28 Middling thus? Thus! (2-2)

Down

- 1 Nature of tight-fisted jellyfish? (10)
- 2 Whopper for East Ender. (5,3)
- 3 Plural of 2 reverses conditionality onto curt nonsense. (4)
- 4 Mostly noncrystal clay component often in bathroom. (4)
- 5 Warble about hood looking disgruntled. (8)
- 6 Face covering essential to surveillance. (4)
- 9 Bet around about a hat. (5)
- 13 Lad getting married. (5)
- 15 Cinema duos given to 3. (10)
- 17 Wry in age, but growing tired. (8)
- 18 US Cobras uncoil to be rough to the touch. (8)
- 20 Fable's burden lacking sense of rectitude. (6)
- 22 More intrusive senior. (6)
- 24 Slothful JFK's name in the fifties tamed. (4)
- 25 Cathedral city in faraway Orkney. (4)