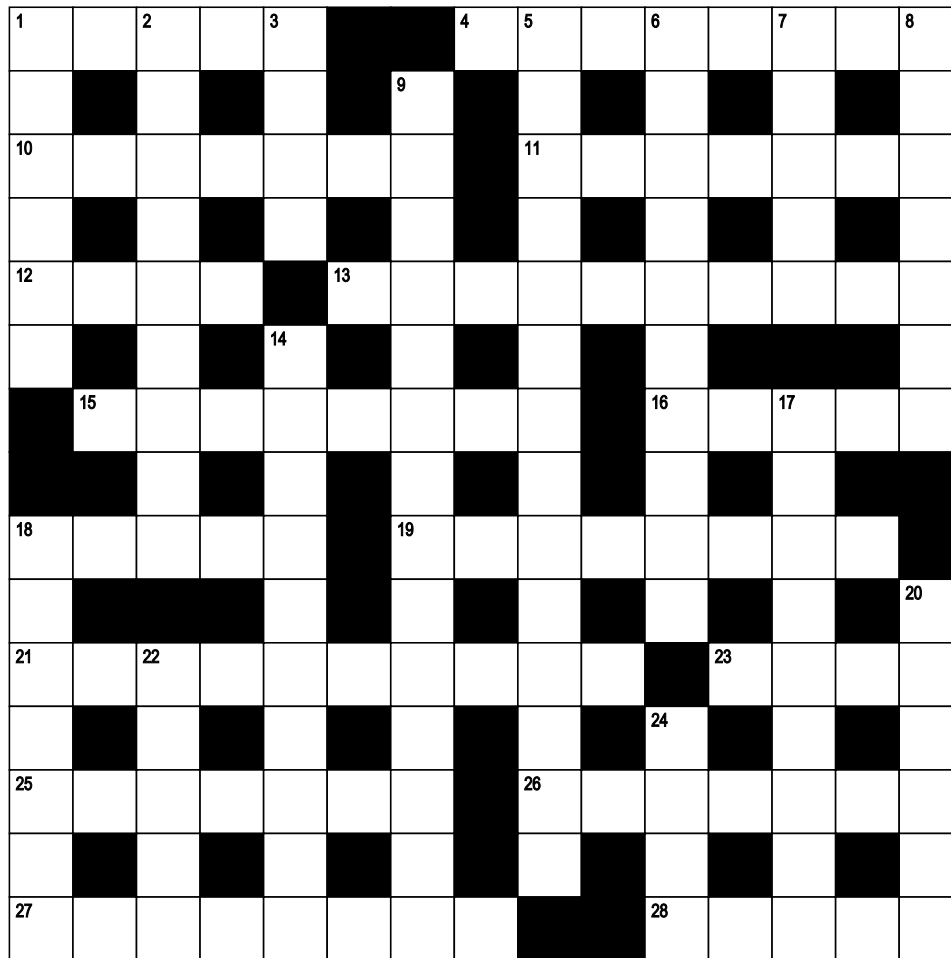


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Across:

- 1 Sticker had a piece of cloth or netting (5)
- 4 Short girl lodging in Moses' compound (8)
- 10 Criminal said, "Shut up and hide!" (7)
- 11 Could be sadness that no one took me back without approval (7)
- 12 Creep was lurid when I'd become king (4)
- 13 TV program where minister dies without trial or debate initially (10)
- 15 That woman devours wild gator but it's not enough (8)
- 16 Curse angrily at smokes (5)
- 18 Come back to bank installing piano (5)
- 19 Assemble near Sal's stores (8)
- 21 Brew house's cut of fees taken in (6,4)
- 23 An aura that indicates salt (4)
- 25 Ban on powdered amber and lead (7)
- 26 Staggering back, he avoids cut by a savage (7)
- 27 Geek-speak about girl leaving a memento (8)
- 28 Started navy, perhaps, capturing Germany (5)

Down:

- 1 Thrill from time I caught Kay with the French (6)
- 2 Title of sniper who failed (9)
- 3 Requirement contributing to online education (4)
- 5 Fancy neon dime is back on loan, deceptively lacking depth (3-11)
- 6 Teenager's welfare wrapped in a bouquet (10)
- 7 Primarily space cowboys in futuristic incidents! (3-2)
- 8 Evil purposes of holes in your head (7)
- 9 Do I walk on Al's yard? It's no big deal (3,2,1,3'1,4)
- 14 Grizzly bears biting head of ducks, not spring chickens (10)
- 17 Mutinous general is giving up (9)
- 18 Creek meanders around empty church? Look again (7)
- 20 Doormen juggling, dropping nothing of recent vintage (6)
- 22 Spooner claims bay has no more room, but it's a myth (5)
- 24 Feel nothing when you disarm bomb at last (4)