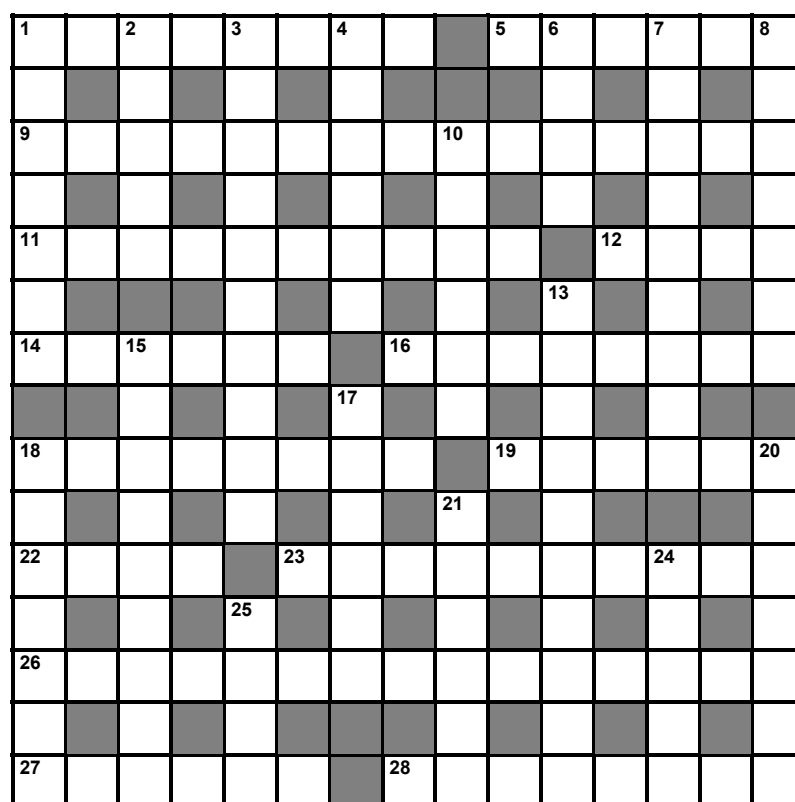


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ACROSS

- 1 Delay letters sent by quiet individual (8)
- 5 Public relations providing quotes for grain valuer? (6)
- 9 Brit vicar's clues excited them? (15)
- 11 Perspirer is rehydrating at last in rocky wasteland (5,5)
- 12 Region of storm is thick low-level cloud (4)
- 14 Travellers returned on raging rivers ultimately (6)
- 16 Steer and horse fed around six (8)
- 18 Illusionist's trick seen by panellist (8)
- 19 Turn up briefly ahead of long court challenge (6)
- 22 They look east, no doubt (4)
- 23 Leader hits a hole in one in view of stroke-maker (4-6)
- 26 Mum coming west is prepared with bathers (8,7)
- 27 Associates of rude man denied request (6)
- 28 Swaggering by, impressed with American splendour (8)

DOWN

- 1 Singles out guitar player sitting with child (5,2)
- 2 It's taken from suitcase, undone, and used for dressing (5)
- 3 Tailored option, due ahead of time, should be specified (7,3)
- 4 An injection could be a requirement with leg sawn off (6)
- 6 Standard bid not accepted by builder undertaking development (4)
- 7 Take a piece out of one passage behind shed (9)
- 8 Favour place in habitual routine (7)
- 10 Outlaw covering up for small quarrelsome person (6)
- 13 Place subjected to external complaints causes irritation (10)
- 15 Staff and miners fixed peculiarity (9)
- 17 Execute one entering man's kingdom (6)
- 18 Groovy doctrine plugged by a leader of Scientology (7)
- 20 Allergy varied to a great extent (7)
- 21 Cycle in power line interfered with writing equipment (6)
- 24 Respite care originally permitted in flat (5)
- 25 People finishing a statement of affirmation (4)