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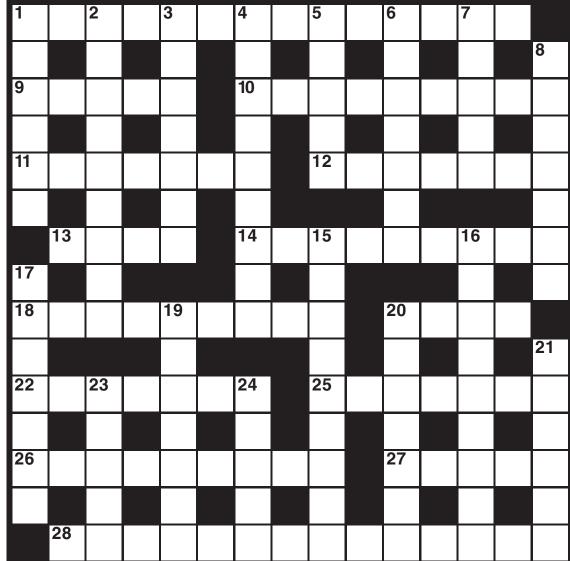
- **1** Good in a duel as speedy artists are? (5,2,3,4)
- 9 First lady books contest (5)
- **10** Prime minister happy to put on weight (9)
- **11** Anti-perspirant unnecessary it's not a problem (2,5)
- 12 Greek character, with cakes, returns to bed (7)
- **13** Pubs in opposite ends of the country (4)
- **14** Seeking urban amusement? When not to, perhaps (2,3,4)
- 18 The planes circling animals (9)
- 20 Small car for oneself (4)
- 22 Current demand for public approval (7)
- 25 Pastures new as mowed (7)
- 26 Noisy chair dismissed and evicted (6,3)
- 27 According to the moment of battle (5)
- **28** Make up with that butcher he upset round yard (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Borough that belongs to monarch? (6)
- 2 Sense nice style, basically (2,7)
- **3** Equipment sent off to Tom's family (7)
- 4 The late shift? (9)
- 5 He's consuming a starter of prawns lots (5)
- **6** Severe trouble after opening of death warrant (7)
- 7 Concerned with some boxing (5)
- 8 Some suffer mental turmoil (7)
- **15** Try out striker, an international (4,5)
- **16** Bone doctor's photo with seat appearing broken (9)
- 17 Article in marquees for occupiers (7)

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- 19 Principal route for progress (7)
- **20** Determined to put a barrier beside insect (7)
- 21 Accompany rest haphazardly round little company (6)
- 23 Some scenic or fun holiday island (5)
- 24 Potter in low church (5)