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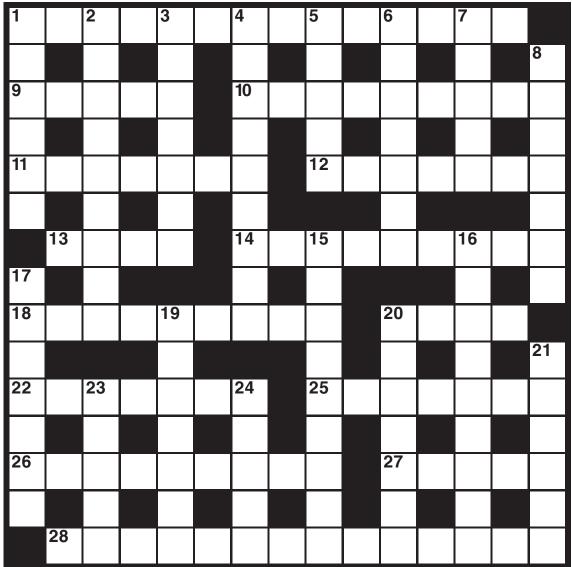
- 1 Glass instrument needs drink first (9,5)
- 9 Fish standpoint (5)
- 10 The late shift? (9)
- **11** Caterer's frightful row of houses (7)
- 12 Train me repairing old clothes (7)
- 13 Blade sounds egocentric, we hear (4)
- 14 Garage Ross wrecked without a person attacking (9)
- **18** Hard to keep down in sterile procedure (9)
- **20** Search for hair-grooming tool (4)
- 22 Fondness doesn't begin to show delight (7)
- **25** Beer on the turn? Rod almost gets stretcher! (7)
- 26 Staged accident using loud noise by river (5,4)
- 27 Chic steps on the radio (5)
- **28** During break, find potential rust inside necessary facilities (14)

DOWN

- 1 Freewheels along shorelines? (6)
- 2 For Africans, a Salinger novel (9)
- 3 Show what's to come before herb (7)
- **4** Drink another lager, then start energy drink (6,3)
- **5** Enthusiastic in medicine, a geriatrician (5)
- 6 Fancy framework the French put round the loft (7)
- 7 First of tan tights but not these! (5)
- 8 Single yurt in a mess (7)
- **15** Obtain punter to improve in health (3,6)
- **16** Reply to insult when a toy mouse gets thrown (4,2,3)
- **17** Pressing need for rebellion, but not in south (7)

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- **19** Material, article held by Shakespearean king (7)
- **20** Remarkably typical Conservative girl in charge (7)
- 21 Maybe she came without a plan (6)
- 23 Length of jewellery item (5)
- **24** Peg points to adolescents (5)