

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

crossword no. 780

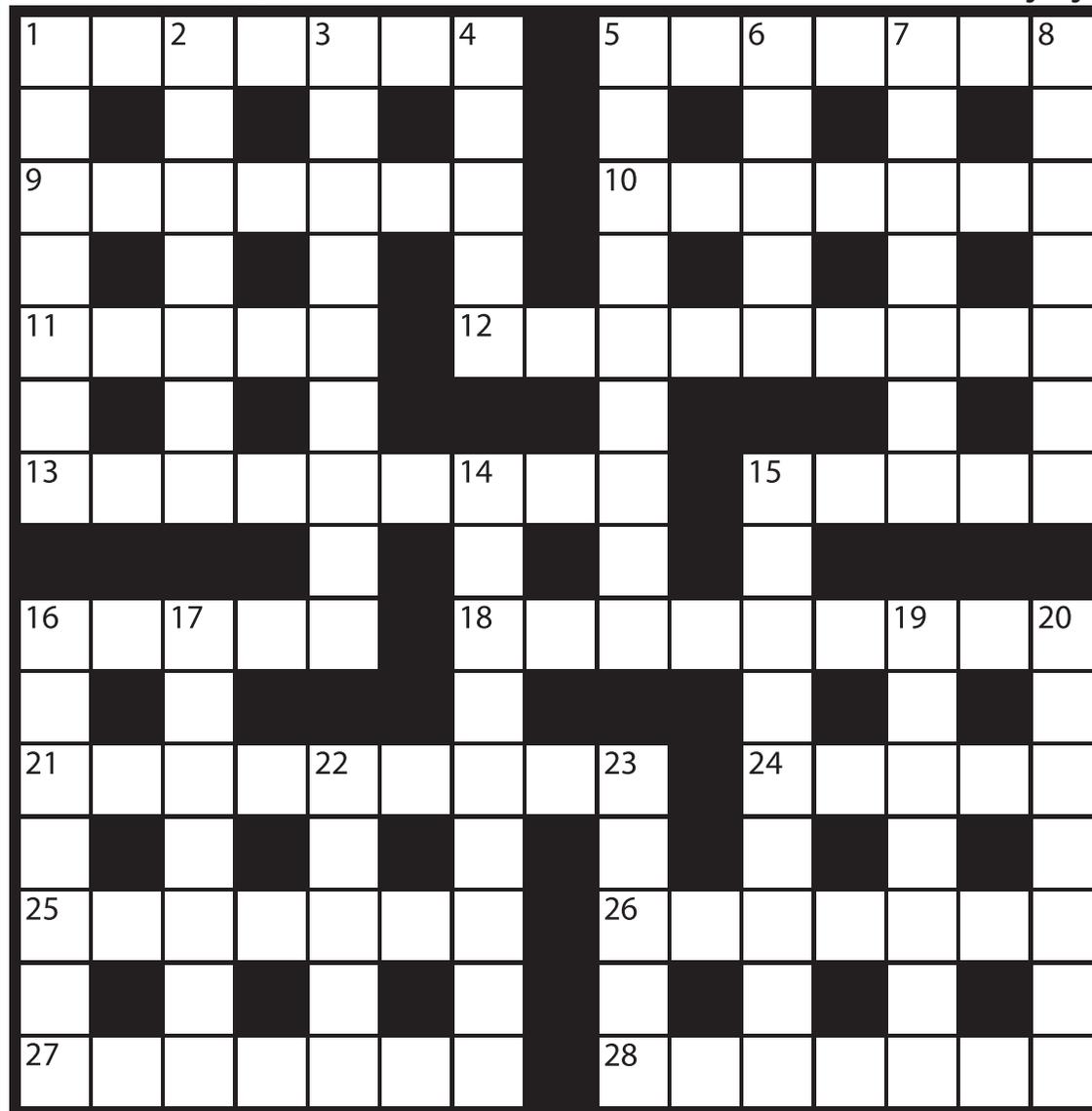
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ACROSS

- 1 (Scottish) Ancient lake dwelling, typically fortified (7)
- 5 Fundamental principles on which something is based (7)
- 9 Skin disease where the cheeks, nose and forehead are flushed (7)
- 10 Coastal region bordering France, Monaco and Italy (7)
- 11 Where in Scotland top brass are really rather young (5)
- 12 Of inferior or very poor quality (5-4)
- 13 Someone who writes plays (9)
- 15 Scottish term for a donkey or horse (5)
- 16 (Hist.) Supreme ruler of Ethiopia (5)
- 18 Sling-like rope used for raising or lowering casks (9)
- 21 Unpleasant-smelling breath (9)
- 24 Either of two muscles of the shoulder blade (5)
- 25 Large area of fairly level high ground (7)
- 26 Mollusc with ear-shaped shell lined with mother-of-pearl (7)
- 27 Group of people accompanying an important person (7)
- 28 Tubular part of a hinge into which the pin fits (7)

DOWN

- 1 Beetle of a family comprising ground beetles (7)
- 2 Ancient empire that stretched from Egypt to Persian Gulf (7)
- 3 (Scottish) Straps or string tied around trousers just below the knees (5,4)
- 4 Corruption, especially in public life (5)
- 5 In England, lawyer qualified to plead in the higher courts (9)
- 6 And 15dn Scottish F1 racing driver who won his first Grand Prix in 1995 (5,9)
- 7 (Maths) Quantity on which an operation is to be done (7)
- 8 Dishonest or unscrupulous practices (7)



- 14 Deception by assuming a false identity (9)
- 15 See 6dn (9)
- 16 A failure or useless person or thing (2-5)
- 17 Dashing, debonair young man (7)
- 19 Singing of songs over pre-recorded backing tracks (7)
- 20 Wine made from ripe, frost-covered grapes (7)
- 22 Book promoted along with a related film, TV show etc. (3-2)
- 23 A short weight or measure (5)