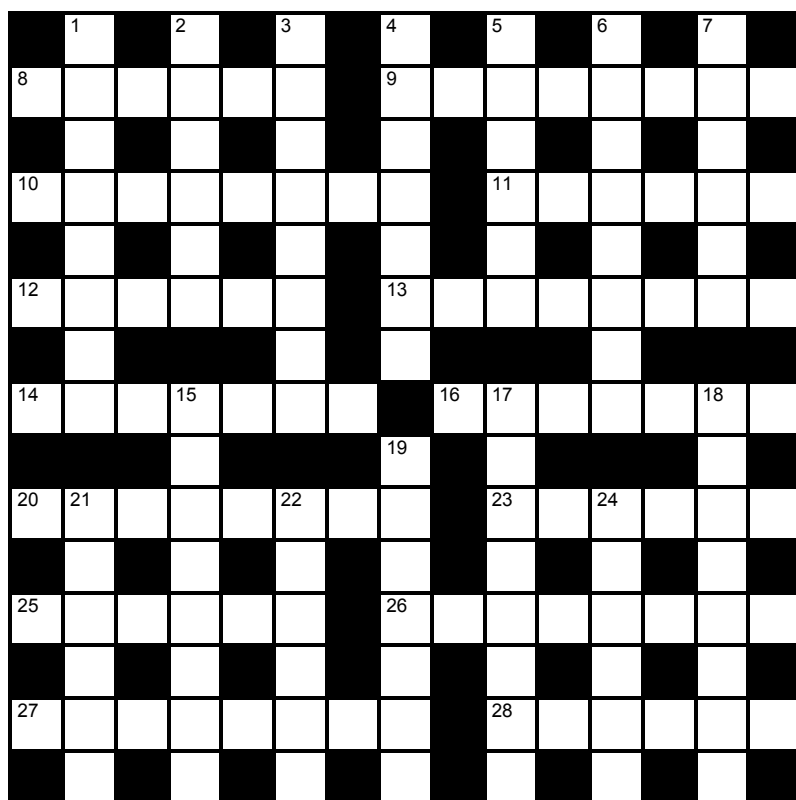


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Across

- 8 To begin with, read Plato - irregular guard? (6)
- 9 E-mail perhaps - a considerable distance (1,4,3)
- 10 Appeals for a flower to render delight (8)
- 11 Breakfast food's nice, really - to an extent (6)
- 12 With the Queen's money for a job that needs doing (6)
- 13 Pairs wine and fish - acts a role on the stage (8)
- 14 Unknown in stores' sorting - these fruits of the sea (7)
- 16 Politician in sleet-storm - where worshippers meet? (7)
- 20 City gent's tea - whence Quixote did come? (2,6)
- 23 Spirit for Mark and latterly, bounty (6)

- 25 Force dreadful polemic - in which number one's missed (6)
- 26 21's hotel – refurbished - had beasts two by two (4'1.3)
- 27 Making a mess? Manipulate rubber (8)
- 28 Left and aroused, when Charlie's decamped (6)

Down

- 1 Rector eagerly stirs, for a flavoursome brew (4,4)
- 2 Weapon advertisement on a nautical fleet (6)
- 3 Fish fighting - foul end, when faced with resistance (8)
- 4 Right, average highs – nights out for the clubber (4-3)
- 5 Crab-claw's made nicer - appears on the page (6)

- 6 Sign of a cry - apt order revamped? (8)
- 7 Not working, a learner's unknown in a county (6)
- 15 Gin on piano - it's out for he who keeps mum (8)
- 17 Hugs pairs who are placed with a reflection of me (8)
- 18 Backed red nose clowning - finally, hard (8)
- 19 Artist and playwright – with a supplement (7)
- 21 Nerd who's not great over kangaroo stewing (6)
- 22 Chartered accountant to haul back and enlist (4-2)
- 24 Doctor is able – drop on line from a height? (6)