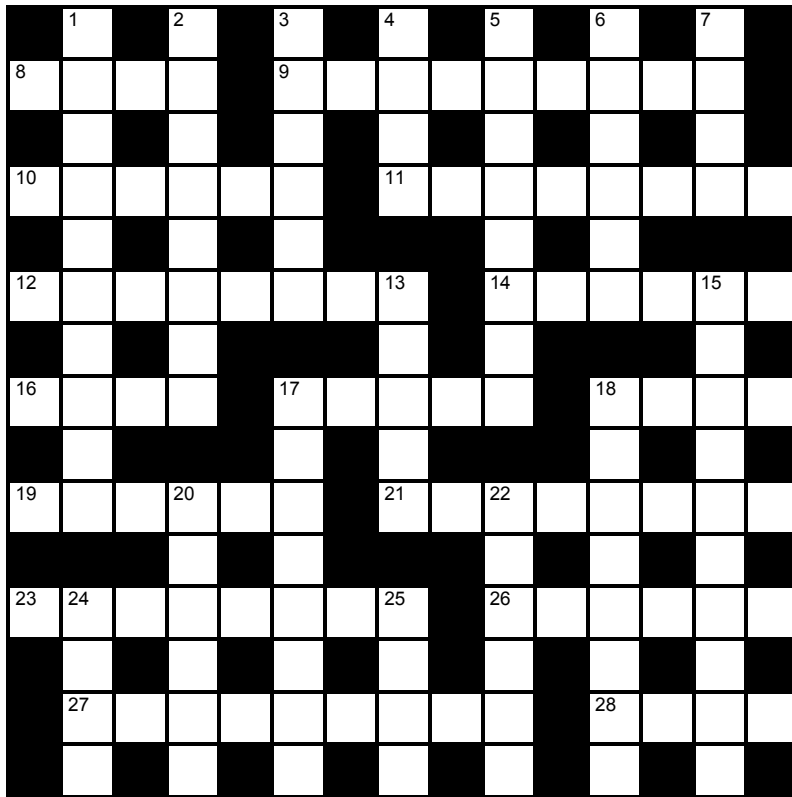


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*Some of the solutions may be a little obscure, but a pattern should emerge to help.*



### Across

- 8 Praise, but not on time (4)
- 9 Situation of faceless man in contact with unknown somewhat cautious person? (9)
- 10 Drones exploded right side and left (6)
- 11 Completely outside of the puzzle (4,1,2,1)
- 12 Hamburger's okay roasted and given black coating (8)
- 14 Out of tune as you wound up (6)
- 16 Asian's out of it, gone North from the East (4)
- 17 In a manner of speaking (or by mistake) cause disrespect (5)
- 18 Have on second of the substitutes opening to win over (4)
- 19 Minor Royal stalks Society featured in Parisian article (6)
- 21 Israeli speech blocks order for amateur product (8)
- 23 I am rich, playing with a group of street musicians (8)
- 26 Guide reversed vehicle, getting parked first (6)
- 27 Train journey through space and time (9)
- 28 Hearts of steel, women crews evacuated non-flier (4)

### Down

- 1 Disposition of outraged? No (4,6)
- 2 Blank cheque for unemployed. Bananas! (4,4)
- 3 Scoffs at digs, trouble with pride perhaps (4,2)
- 4 Tip-off after trace of drugs found (4)
- 5 It serves to guide around old state capital of course (8)
- 6 Salt giving frequency of hum... (6)
- 7 ... the same underlying metallic element actions restriction (4)
- 13 Half-cut old bird called for money (5)
- 15 Person aiming to get high (and usually is) (5,5)
- 17 Decorate Christmas tree when ready (6,2)
- 18 Shades worn by somewhat routine visitors (8)
- 20 Japanese cult member's part reflected religious writings (6)
- 22 A gent filming agent? (6)
- 24 Request termination using false name (4)
- 25 Republicans query republic (4)