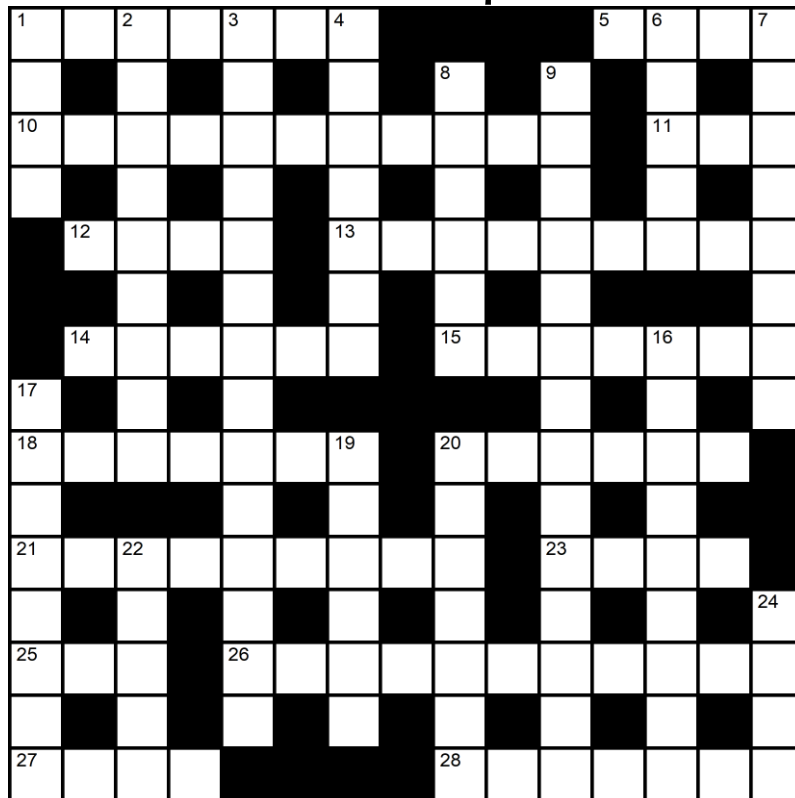


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Across

- 1 MacNee dropping current athletic female - is result "The Avenger" ? (7)
- 5 Raincoats returned to rook (4)
- 10 Evil bark, Les? Perhaps it was Sir Henry (11)
- 11 Legal profession block support for gymnasts' heating element (3)
- 12 King poorly off? (4)
- 13 Hugo's character is same, and Adler is different (9)
- 14 Almost s-swear about Irish entertainers (6)
- 15 Chase after brand-new Basil-weed or horse-thyme (3-4)
- 18 So, Earth's moved into audio range? (7)
- 20 3's companion enquiring which entertainments are currently showing (without Henry) (6)
- 21 Get a big wave from someone who talks at stultifying length about the Moon's effect on the oceans (5,4)
- 23 Duck down enveloping 6 poet (4)
- 25 Morning, young woman! (3)
- 26 Choose grain and the Spanish fish, which is shocking (8,3)
- 27 Viewers are a quarter positive (4)
- 28 Sorrow concerning a fictional detective (7)

Down

- 1 Collars inapplicable to bishops (4)
- 2 Person who keeps me quiet when I replace large teaser (9)
- 3 Poison right for maiden? Digs up dirt about lynch mob leaders with son before consulting detective (8,6)
- 4 Thus old soldiers hold me inside workers' councils (7)
- 6 Clique about to back testing place (5)
- 7 Follow-up to Memento's high-flown 3's 1 across? The reverse, as it turned out (8)
- 8 Crested fruit with journalist? (6)
- 9 Racial prejudice - Saint George's? I'm undecided (14)
- 16 2 split by Sun close along the same line (9)
- 17 Inventor Paul with deal for Inspector known to consult 3 (8)
- 19 Hand tool back in Shuttleworth (6)
- 20 It stimulates the appetite for damper housing, Henry (7)
- 22 Year in allotment for 3's creator (5)
- 24 Regular doses of culture often spotted by 3 (4)