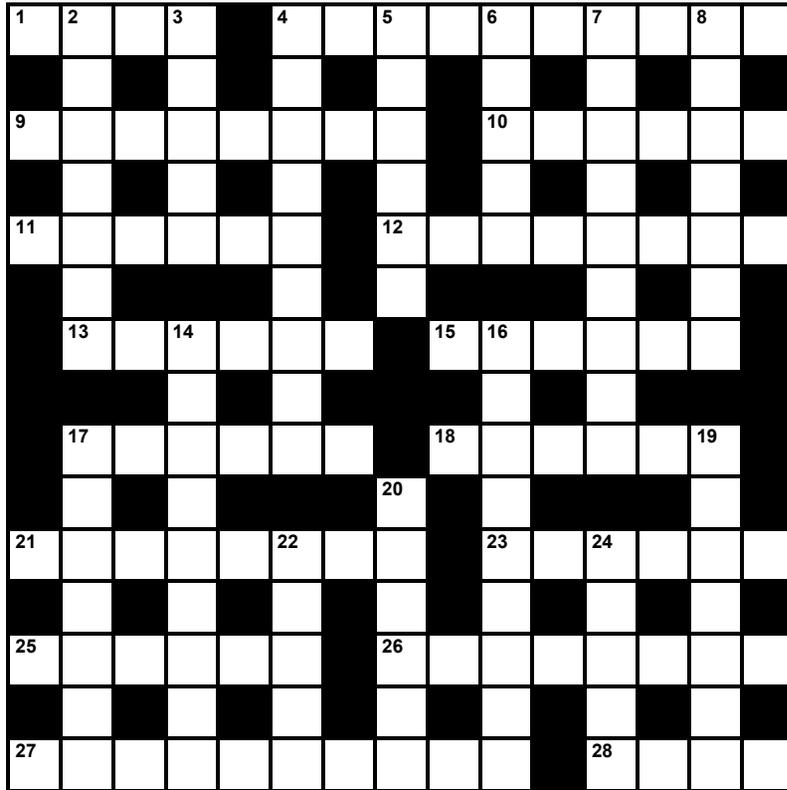


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**Across**

- 1** Defenders return, dropping Kelvin as the one that shouldn't be picked (4)
- 4** In opening of *Elektra*, actress garbles lines (10)
- 9** Man flies around and does what a firestarter does (8)
- 10** Ruled without being good and controlled (6)
- 11** Saw as suspects will (6)
- 12** Peculiar people regularly stash curiosities (8)
- 13/15** A close relative resided back at the country's former prison (6,6)
- 17/18** Primate lit out in the

- direction of Scotland, reaching England's second city (6,6)
- 21** Religious establishments one day get a sign (8)
- 23** Soldiers spring flower (6)
- 25** Directly descending cable essentially devalued (6)
- 26** Equivocations keep back X (names mostly redacted) (8)
- 27** Remark about broadcaster's awfulness by the monarch which goes up a long way (10)
- 28** A great deal killed (4)

**Down**

- 2** Argue about powered care (7)
- 3** Making a small adjustment to instrument results in unsightly swelling (5)
- 4** Most of the fleet sick with love for Tatou (9)
- 5** Croats go nuts for versatile sort of oil (6)
- 6** Jack maybe ditching wife for daughter's old plaything (5)
- 7** Comic Peter's rule, according to Spooner, is to make a lot of noise (5,4)
- 8** Built court covered in English grass (7)
- 14** Country people get the

- nerve up to block those competing (9)
- 16** Gas routes disrupted by old fossil (9)
- 17** Elephant Man one to go wrong before carnival opens surrounded by thousands (7)
- 19** Quiet lines spoiled when three-quarters of the house leave (7)
- 20** Being out, old man eats fish standing on his head (6)
- 22** Riled about wastrel (5)
- 24** Legal actions sounding crackers (5)