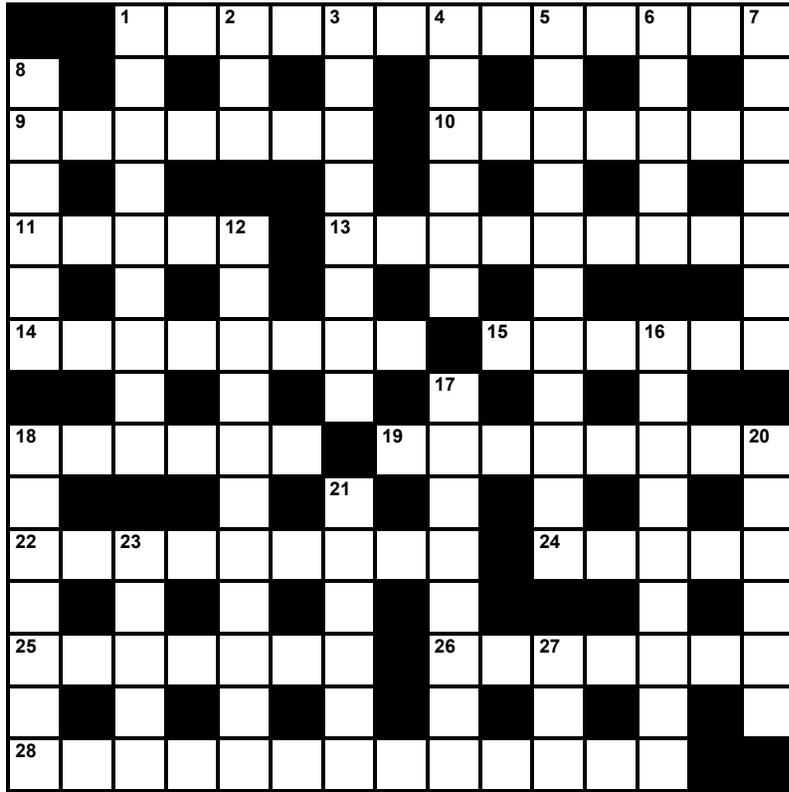


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Across

- 1** Russian character, surprisingly very good at chorizo dropping round (6,7)
- 9** Groundswell is finished - "Press on!" says leader (7)
- 10** Smartly vote against including dry article in Italian (7)
- 11** Lioness's ultimate fate brought back feelings (5)
- 13** Innkeepers' very popular tool gets energy for a penny (9)
- 14** Starving party meets us in Kinshasa (8)
- 15** Quite trivial to overcome resistance (6)
- 18** Regularly tours country without a lawyer from central Italy (6)

- 19** Highway disaster affecting Romania and Germany (4,4)
- 22** Where the Amur breaks with China (9)
- 24** Message coming back: William eats sandwiches (5)
- 25** Plan riotous Mardi Gras oddly (7)
- 26** Richard III, for instance, heard what happens once you've tied the knot (7)
- 28** Thought about what gift to drop you first, once brought back into society (13)

Down

- 1** Film's scene changes as James turns round and gets the answer (9)
- 2/27** Vehicle to decay into vegetable matter (6)

- 3** Vocally lobby Balls in advance to restructure (8)
- 4** 12 missing party with topless high-point (6)
- 5** Very much a fan of dancing, lancer beginning to exhibit narrow-mindedness (11)
- 6** Beer keeps drip breathing (5)
- 7** Journey for days, sometimes, before the old ship needs righting (7)
- 8** Speak softly to get spirits up (6)
- 12** Biblical king brought up somewhere on the Mediterranean coast the first to be accepted by sage, perhaps (11)
- 16** Theatrical dame hard-hit - or poor (5,4)

- 17** Shrink pet before extracting a new chemical to cause a reaction (8)
- 18** Tiny person one to put up danger sign when comparatively scared (7)
- 20** Weakened, disheartened Luddite in distress (6)
- 21** Prince rises to get into place very early (6)
- 23** Ending with new head in Wales (5)
- 27** See 2