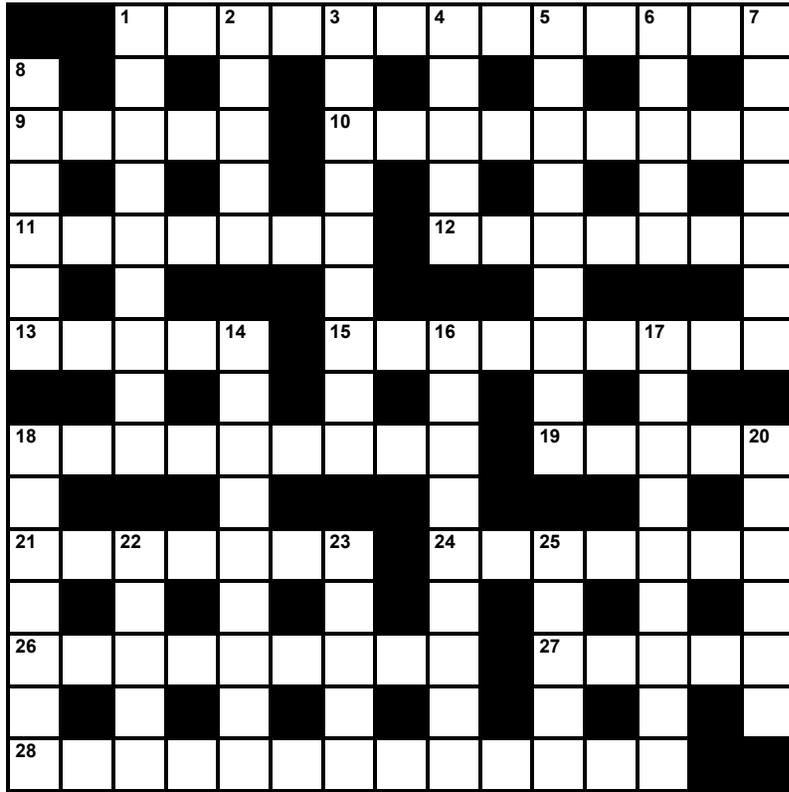


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Across

1 Shot old man in a base (5,3,5)

9 Mother gets baby food for nearly-blind old man (5)

10 Stick to visual record of transparent cover-up (9)

11 Choral work may bid farewell (7)

12 Fighter to wander back round three ammo dumps initially (7)

13/19 Sensual boy becomes *Britain's Got Talent* contestant (5,5)

15 Guard getting lost has colleague following one step at a time (9)

18 Teams needing a boy for accompaniment (4,5)

19 See 13

21 Mac-wearing setter takes a pinch of snuff and answers job advert (7)

24 Chancellor of royal summer house, as was (7)

26 Man receiving order after permission to start a journey (5,4)

27 Lazes around showing passions (5)

28 Palace get good result; last scored controversially (7,6)

Down

1 Are gods in turmoil or not? (9)

2 Some Idaho lawmakers reject friendly greeting from across the sea (5)

3 With bar not open, there's money back on large port (9)

4 Fool short of time - meathead, in a manner of speaking (5)

5 Pale tulip possibly gives illumination (9)

6 Having ended up late, actor finally came in and forgot his lines (5)

7 Bad omen to cry about what Ming had (2,5)

8 Shifts second rib to the south (6)

14 Objectionable quality of bad stain on head (9)

16 Galaxy with capital lawyer (9)

17 Teatime treat for philosopher about to drown in Windermere, say (5,4)

18 Superficial Cornwall greeting? (7)

20 Somehow veers off, not very loudly, but extremely (4,2)

22 Man on board grabs another shellfish (5)

23 Missing final point, soldiers climb trail (5)

25 Composer from Central American country getting rid of the Spanish at last (5)