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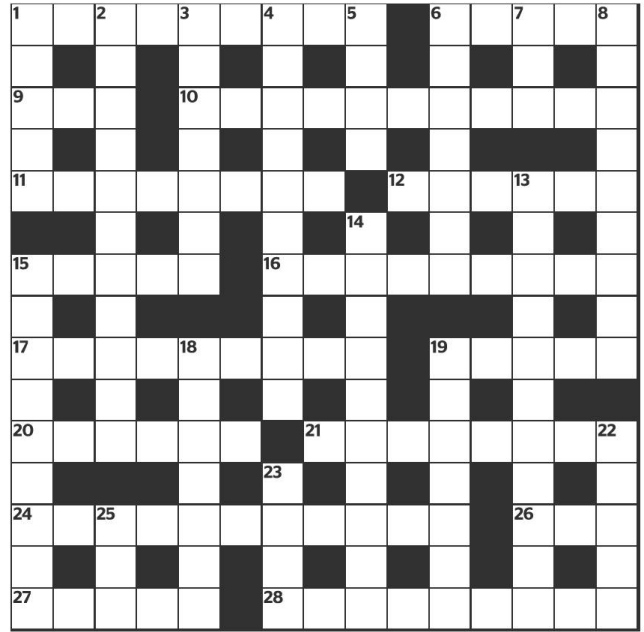
ACROSS

- 1 Detective party to detaining small US poet (9)
- 6 Criminal hit Wiggle with curling iron (5)
- 9 Leading pay system lasts in training area (3)
- 10 Fair dwarf pinches ashen head of one tick (4,1,6)
- 11 Rebellious teenagers discarded first watercolour (3-5)
- 12 Leg pulling held against old prophet (3,3)
- 15 Made fast skip (5)
- 16 Fatuous threads clothing stripped jock, a shooter's helper (9)
- 17 See 26-across
- 19 Cast could exaggerate opening? (5)
- 20 Soft edging on kimono a little flasher (6)
- 21 Girls barely suppress desires, unwrapping gift (8)
- 24 Old Tasmanian truck fiend linked to one arson case (11)
- 26, 17-across Back to me, marshal saw one testing metal? (2,1,3,6)
- 27 Heading to rescue a club in Morocco (5)
- 28 Sickly endearing syrup (9)

DOWN

- 1 Make flat for painter? (5)
- 2 Fail to divert Age customer (4,1,6)
- 3 Damaged hot judo suit, leaving embarrassed (7)
- 4 Announced relative pick of the orderly (10)
- 5 Boat builder refusing to cooperate with GP? (4)
- 6 Proof of docker's work to dwindle (4,3)
- 7 Short person's note in short? (3)
- 8 Smoked cocaine on the house when hospitalised? (9)
- 13 Virtually raise search to attain odd comic from yore (7,4)
- 14 Denounce game - it's double trouble (10)
- 15 Staggers game before being completed (5,4)
- 18 Background for Bambi enthralled insiders (7)
- 19 Purplish mark - mole close to areola (7)
- 22 Predilection came about for a little drop (5)
- 23 Serving great aliens on *Star Trek*? (4)
- 25 Writer suggests golf club lacks taste (3)

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