

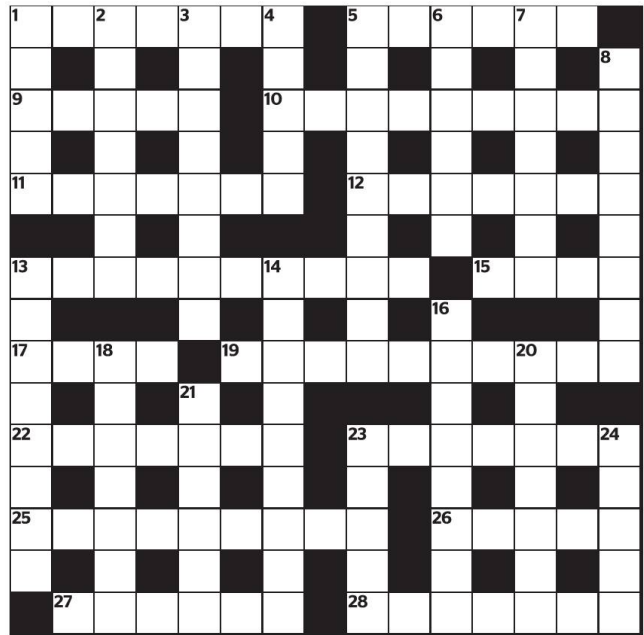
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ACROSS

- 1 Innocent exchange half-afflicted heart (7)
- 5 Want to oust Dad? (6)
- 9 Accidentally come across nut pinching baseball cap (3,2)
- 10 Promise causes friction, welcoming split (9)
- 11 Inventor needing grate on lab vessel (4,3)
- 12 See 4-down
- 13 Bleak view from warm and plushy redesign (7,3)
- 15 Just like a riddle, fizzling out (2,2)
- 17 Tender spot? (4)
- 19 New Cure album seizes Top Ten, skipping a 19? (4,6)
- 22 Root for NZ director, losing lead to tenderfoot (7)
- 23 Church brainstorm alternately produced sacred robe (7)
- 25 Measure Kardashian sashes - fairly cheap to be seen in Paris (9)
- 26 Issue 101 filling issue (5)
- 27 Council or federal assembly subverted fun (6)
- 28 Sort of surgery essential for hearing to be intact (7)

DOWN

- 1 Contemporary pollicie to skip the script (2-3)
- 2, 24-down Means of 10-across for turkey meat in 6-down? (7,5)
- 3 Pine dunny for Mr Silver? (4,4)
- 4, 12-across 18-downs of 17-across to preside over set in 6-down? (5,7)
- 5 Pervert packed off north to box (9)
- 6 Our peculiar language stress lacks a 17-across (6)
- 7 See 23-down
- 8 Pities the Spanish, sucked in by corrupt offers (5,3)
- 13 Staff getting Canadian rap star to strip magician (8)
- 14 Cross-splice ten knots (9)
- 16 See 21-down
- 18 Drier cup? (7)
- 20 Fighter's way to coach, obscured by cipher (7)
- 21, 16-down Dollars and cents for bleak jumper in 6-down? (6,8)
- 23, 7-down Showy bloomers, or vet coats in 6-down? (5,7)
- 24 See 2-down



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