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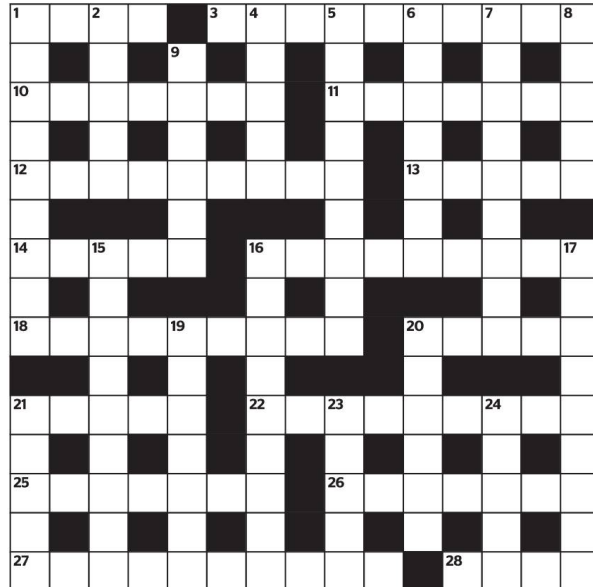
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ACROSS

- 1 Lower retro skirt (4)
- 3 Refuge sheltering lad, traumatised by prison work (4,6)
- 10 Simply engineered taps damaged towel for starters (3-4)
- 11 Barely bear to wear male gym wear? (7)
- 12 Hide new, hot model falling into crystal meth (9)
- 13 Styles in pop torment (5)
- 14 Bird to go wild, heading for nest (5)
- 16 Tries on parka, say, and tires out (5,4)
- 18 Tangles limit pedestrian (3,6)
- 20 Footloose character repulsed actor (5)
- 21 Dull 20-across recording (5)
- 22 Friend gets computer terminal to probe obscure line-reading? (9)
- 25 Double-time when starting from way back (7)
- 26 Chief concerned with meathead in dock (7)
- 27, 20-down Danger is diverted, resorting to this? (10,6)
- 28 Loads from Swansea mainly sent back (4)

DOWN

- 1 Lightweight philosopher backed border reduction (9)
- 2 See 8-down
- 4 Write a quiet writer, but not from the outset (5)
- 5 Ruins novelty rides for couple (9)
- 6 Native Americans quickly win hearts by getting back to basics (7)
- 7 Class make catalogue extra, often (5,4)
- 8, 2-down Corrupt NSW body picked up minerals initially from mining hub (5,5)
- 9 Magic man and I arrived, holding hands (6)
- 15 Trying levy hike, devious leader dumped reform packages (9)
- 16 Spooner's more selective with filmsier reference work (9)
- 17 French city attracted amateur sleuth (5,4)
- 19 Traditional man in the centre sapping energy from cats? (3-4)
- 20 See 27-across
- 21 Finally checked to get hitched? (5)
- 23 Articulate Arctic residents in decline (5)
- 24 Hearing political centre receives Yemen money (5)



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