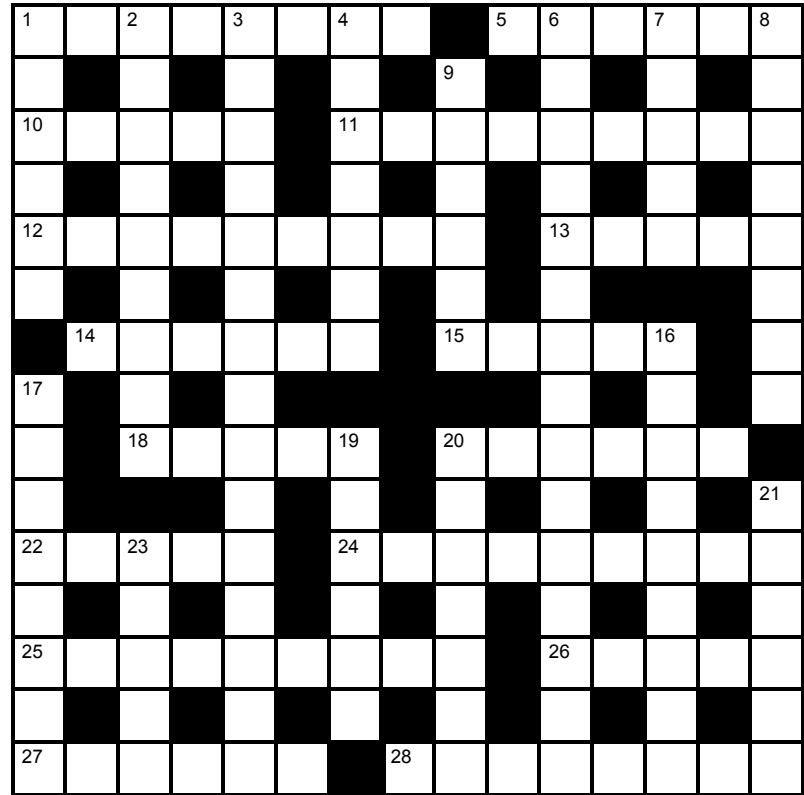


Across

- 1 Finally, can no tennis score be affectionate? (8)
- 5 A hundred in a degree for you and I adds up (6)
- 10 A double you sound sort of nice but you flinch! (5)
- 11 In the middle, the French are here at the start of the month to eat with the new guy for a period of time (9)
- 12 'E, the Irish son and I at Edward's wasted party (9)
- 13 The French one without you back at the start follows her (5)



- 14 Tall girl and here many partners is this act (6)
- 15 The South is chilly enough to burn (5)
- 18 A Thousand liquids do not mix but are slaves (5)
- 20 Pit help ons to drive around (6)
- 22 I am in before this for this puzzle (5)
- 24 not 4 but 3 for him is strange (3,6)
- 25 Green less 'E is the fruit of the one who clutches (9)
- 26 Robert has a love for a little tea in a mechanical manner (5)

- 27 He is the very old (6)
- 28 My arms are like this with 4 down (2,6)

Down

- 1 C at the bottom of the piano is subdued (3-3)
- 2 Five and a fifty is grand, this act is malicious (9)
- 3 States that they are natives (8,7)
- 4 Gee, Leonard and thou art long (7)
- 6 A single man's angle qualifies him (9,6)
- 7 Preceding coal folowed by the south scorches (5)

- 8 He's lived here life in a malicious, yet sorted way (3-5)
- 9 Sad that she came first but confusingly she escapes (6)

- 16 The ant-lions eggs are just a rough drawing of the insect (9)
- 17 Sidney is back first on a Greek land with a separate thing (8)

- 19 The sloy pianissimo is messy (6)

- 20 Below the furnitures legs, the floor is saved (7)

- 21 Move suddenly for the speller after a big tea (6)

- 23 Sounds like you or G pleaded with some of the editor (5)