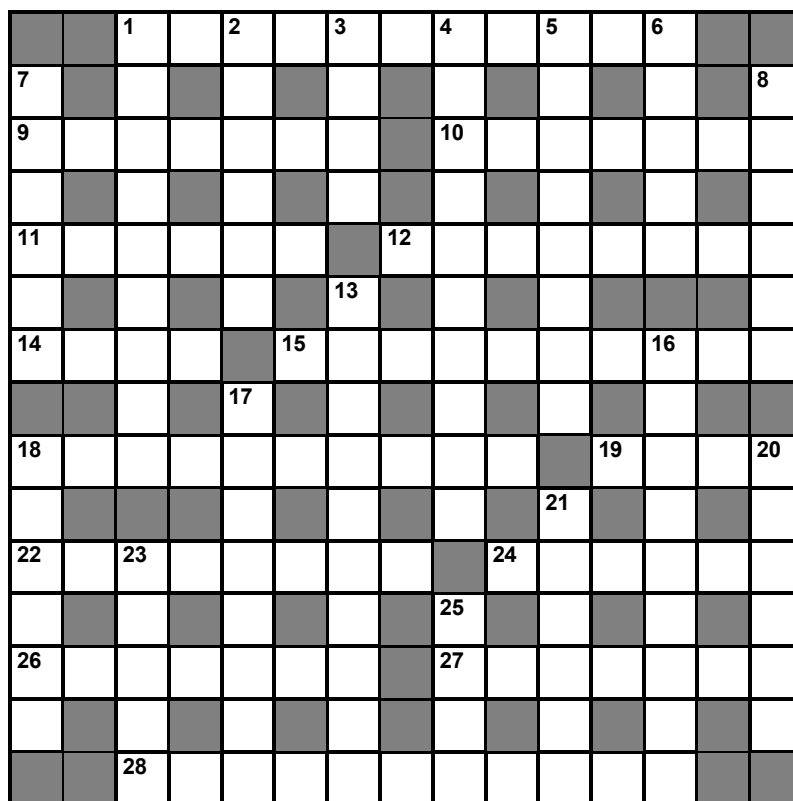


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ACROSS

- 1 Practical town organised nothing in famine (4-2-5)
- 9 They maintain natural barriers with hard cutting tools (7)
- 10 Wrong type of bean ultimately used in brewed coffee (7)
- 11 Servant trimmed material with a fret pattern (6)
- 12 Northern Australian's operation handled by volunteer (3,5)
- 14 Crumble one type of bread (4)
- 15 Upstanding people accepted by retired gentility (10)
- 18 Asian one is briefly adopted by another? (10)
- 19 Small blue gaiter (4)
- 22 Bag young man carrying round doctor's work (4-4)
- 24 Put the first coat of paint on anchor (6)
- 26 Variable, one excluded from adjusted criteria (7)
- 27 Aspiring bridge player misused double (5-2)
- 28 A notch roughly cut into very steep chief support (5,6)

DOWN

- 1 Committed cadet died in an bad way (9)
- 2 Small rose, say, set back gardener (6)
- 3 Sample is taken from back of ball (4)
- 4 Inexpensive ecstasy active in entertaining (10)
- 5 Whistleblower, left with old friends, turns back (8)
- 6 Pieces of jarrah on edges should be polished (5)
- 7 World record broken by sound Japanese "research" vessel? (6)
- 8 Found out fast about a leader of rebellion (6)
- 13 Pussy lump injected with mixture of arsenic (7,3)
- 16 Show subordinate to interpreter (9)
- 17 Uncle trimmed round the strip (8)
- 18 Popular board game largely moves slowly (6)
- 20 Orders papers wearing formal clothing (6)
- 21 Whinger's gross exclamation of pain (6)
- 23 Cuts formed by mouth ulcers, say (5)
- 25 Endless yarn is very like another (4)