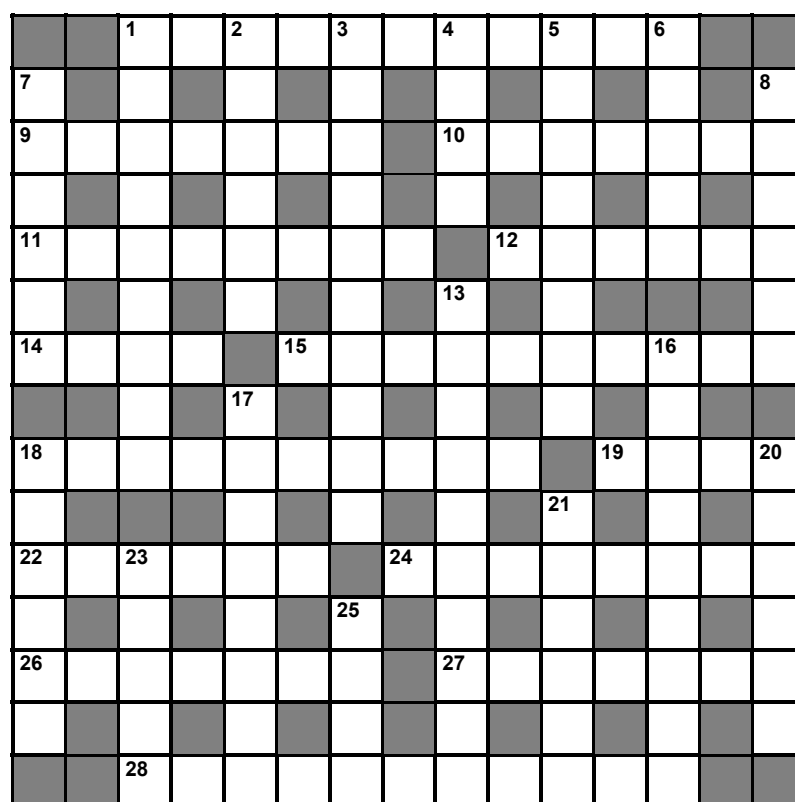


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## ACROSS

- 1 Bureaucracy is bad with one party involved in fraudulent claim (11)
- 9 Test site with a strange religious standard (7)
- 10 British capital admitting an act of self-punishment (7)
- 11 An assortment of needs, plugged by supplement, caused unhappiness (8)
- 12 Place to relax in suit (6)
- 14 Water storage unit close to sheep is dripping (4)
- 15 A pretentiousness stuck with noble financial controller (10)
- 18 Survey taken by another, confused Australian flyer (5-5)
- 19 Drug preparation that's nothing new (4)
- 22 Case of beer for a time when hands are joined (6)
- 24 Means of transport featured in concise, abbreviated advertising (8)
- 26 Variety of rat spotted in rank toilet (7)
- 27 International shipping company facing strong surge (7)
- 28 Simple writer given space in distributed handouts (4-3-4)

## DOWN

- 1 Complaint investigator shoots male in Middle Eastern country (9)
- 2 Gas emitter at a more advanced point releasing hydrogen (6)
- 3 Unusual relic, described in letters, is in demand? (10)
- 4 Unsettled plains lacking in high areas (4)
- 5 Disconnected end of rod before fishing (8)
- 6 Treatment of animal reduced wildness (5)
- 7 Compact kernel of Windows shut down? (6)
- 8 Brief put off court to undertake discovery (6)
- 13 Attention given in company and bank to yield (4,6)
- 16 Team implicated in a fraudulent mitigation (9)
- 17 Blast new-fangled diet keeping many up (8)
- 18 The writer involved with dedicated domestic (6)
- 20 Hound has butchered all bar one (6)
- 21 Pretentious outfit used by school (6)
- 23 Copy function "broken" by IT technician initially (5)
- 25 NZ rail passengers returned from Lake Wakatipu? (4)