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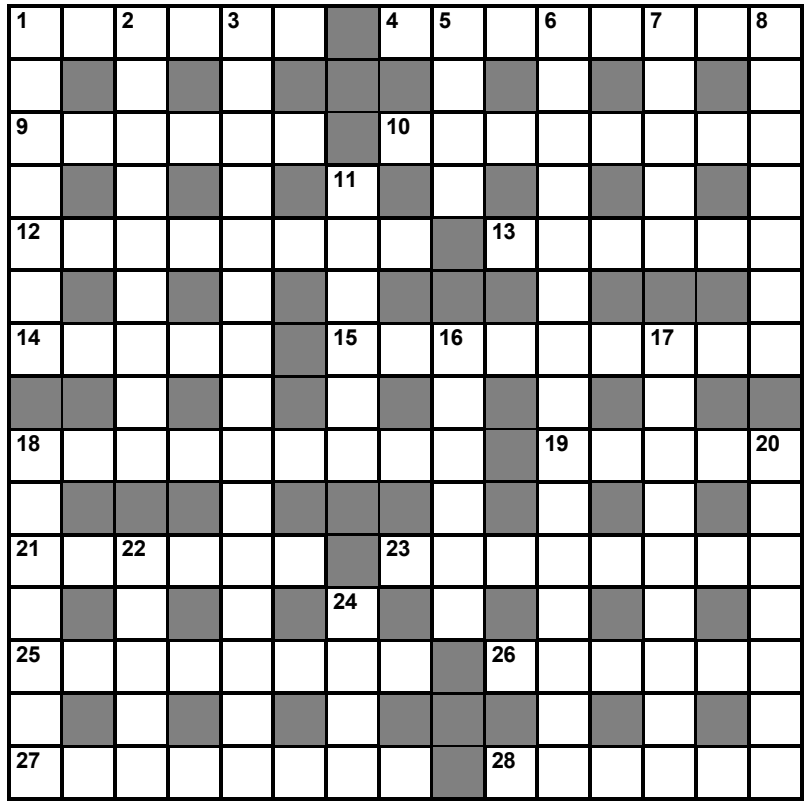

ACROSS

1 Small vehicle involved in a collision (6)
4 Fools behind troublemaker's insurmountable difficulties (8)
9 Design under canvas? (6)
10 Person who has studied a famous composer, recalled part (8)
12 One in perfect pitch (not!) representing vocal sounds? (8)
13 Withdrawn coach expected defeat (6)
14 One involved in returning unsatisfactory messages (1-4)
15 Swallow is wrapped in handy wet blanket (9)
18 Just creditor operating in secret (9)
19 Imagine front of daily paper (5)
21 Having hair fastened with a clasp? (6)
23 Retrieval of web handled by palm-top computer? (5-3)
25 Prepared comedienne finally said something funny (8)
26 Three-quarters of people ate healthy stuff (6)
27 Observe gambling game played in state down south (4,4)
28 Established couple recalled balls (6)

DOWN

1 Pepper and salt put on drink regularly (7)
2 Reasons to limit supply of alcohol (9)
3 Peace deal now in trouble after fool pocketed gun, say? (9,6)
5 Trimmed beef, say, served with large quantity of food (4)
6 Overwhelming number at home carrying contaminated DNA identified by an expert (1,8,3,3)
7 Upstanding one bound by auctioneer's call (5)
8 Swell match held up an excessive amount (7)
11 Embarrassed engineer pushed back metal beam (6)
16 They flog, without advertising initially, promotional material (6)
17 One angle formed in mesh is not neat (9)
18 Conspicuous foreigner standing in the middle of street (7)
20 End up participating in mass hysteria (7)
22 Throw out meat (5)
24 Opening item on a programme started late (4)