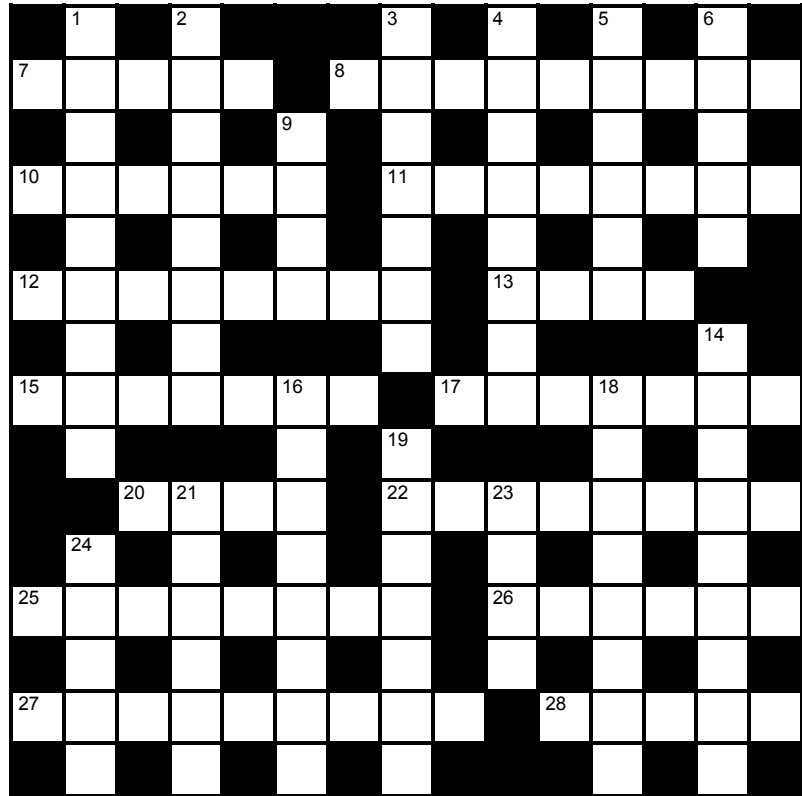


Across

- 7 23, no big deal (5)
- 8 Boycott sailor being a 20,23 (9)
- 10 Hint goes to complete a 23 (6)
- 11 Risking most of fortune in initial gamble (8)
- 12 Spectacular explosion when first leaving the earth's control, like part of the rocket (8)
- 13 Make music to transport a king (4)
- 15 Part of Jane Goody's Seychelles trip (7)



- 17 Spelling-bee quiz - otherwise a 20,23 (7)
- 20 Oddly chaired by this character (4)
- 22 Deal with a great doctor , in the business of suiting clients (3,5)
- 25 Take sides with a stinker , I'm told it's a 20,23 (8)
- 26 Tern missing ? Impregnate booby or some other bird (6)
- 27 It's possible the batsman got held - getting into the soup (3,6)
- 28 Strangely least old hat (5)

Down

- 1 Account of terrible raids is just a 23 (9)
- 2 See gross, ungainly, big women (8)
- 3 Notice play's not finished before 20 (7)
- 4 20,23 using winning words (8)
- 5 Removes mask, shift, mess jacket and turfs out (6)
- 6 Posted nose , they say (5)
- 9 23 , at the far end of the dive (4)
- 14 Square dance for an old 20,23 (9)

- 16 "Seconds, to finish the string" said the Londoner (8)
- 18 Geriatric , not yet one hundred, going on to water (8)
- 19 Union member who takes orders (7)
- 21 23 to get crown and this (6)
- 23 Lamé duck? (4)
- 24 Obese chap could kill (5)