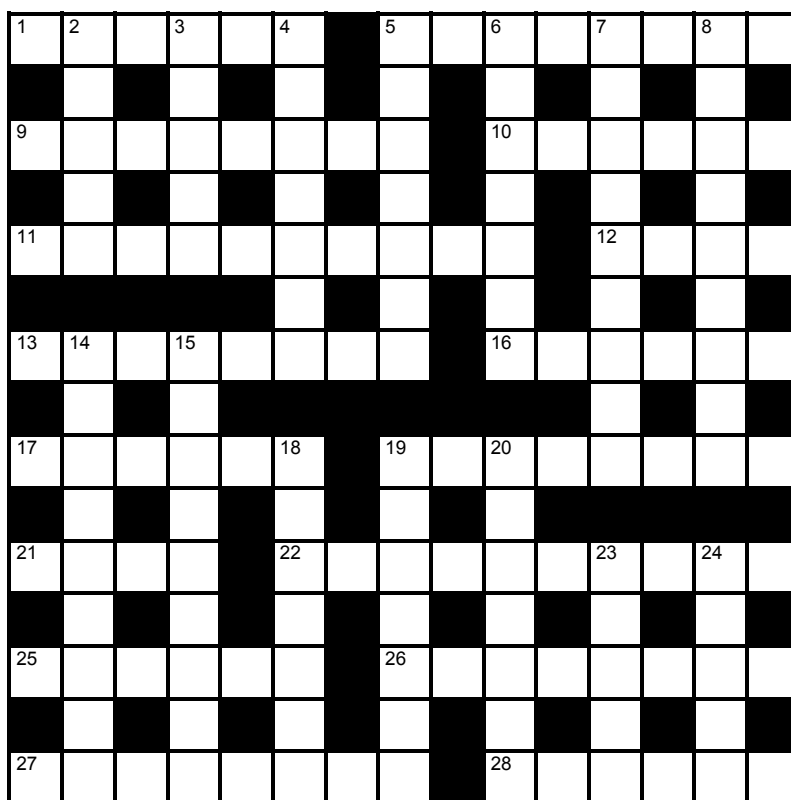


**Across**

- 1 Beast turns on Queen Marguerite, perhaps (6)
- 5 Three can become 1.... (8)
- 9 ...or dog-end possibly is 1 (8)
- 10 1 from Mabel, I am assured (6)
- 11 It gives the stout firm support (4,6)
- 12 Unrestrained 1 like Daisy (4)
- 13 He creates top-curls (8)
- 16 Found in *II* and best in goblets (6)



- 17 A lot of steps for learner in boxing (6)
- 19 Composes steps, yet stumbles (8)
- 21 Leader may be even seemlier (4)
- 22 1, he's a hand on destroyer (10)
- 25 Unstable atomic mass cast out for 1 (6)
- 26 1, girl belonging to us gets one (8)
- 27 Dads get last chance - could be down (8)
- 28 "Goodbye!", said the boastful angler (2,4)

**Down**

- 2 Left topless bird unchained.... (5)
- 3 ...and this one possibly wandered endlessly (5)
- 4 *12, 1* grow badly in artwork (7)
- 5 Charlie, dresser to the queen (7)
- 6 First and last characters attend a jumble sale for 1 (7)
- 7 Swedes lie about this 1 (9)
- 8 I get all tight, tipsy and lit up at night (9)
- 14 Get together involving half club members for 1 (9)
- 15 Laurel got squiffy - he can't hold his drink (5,4)
- 18 Having the will to start car (7)
- 19 Mother's upset drinks container (7)
- 20 Compliments, after power lifts (7)
- 23 Funny turn during pratfall or drag act (5)
- 24 Its has strings and pretty ribbons of nylon originally (5)