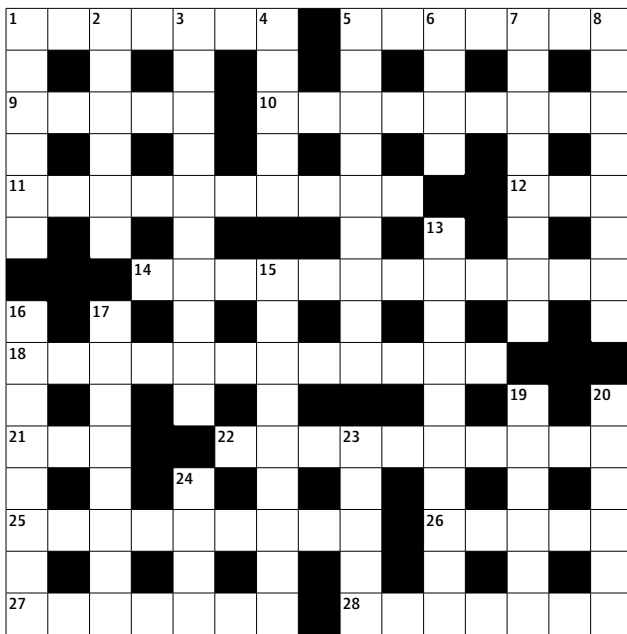


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Across

- 1 Charlie's ban on banter, perhaps ... (7)
- 5 ... quite the opposite, as good man breaking oath of old (7)
- 9 Splendid local offering sent back (5)
- 10 Necessity is in recompense (9)
- 11 One hooked on bars? (10)
- 12 In Hyderabad, a legume? (3)
- 14 Criminal snatches item, getting reprimand (12)
- 18 Unfortunately, I'm too wary to impress old lover, a turn-off (8,4)
- 21 Mock paper (3)
- 22 Unsportingly unsporting? (3,7)
- 25 In list, people may be found (9)
- 26 Total idiot missing introduction (5)
- 27 First of patients, moreover, carried by the other make of stretcher (7)
- 28 In European airport, wine on the counter regulated (7)

Down

- 1 University out of time on brilliant poet (6)
- 2 Many, for example, feeding cat (6)
- 3 Plant is expected to hang initially within straggly bower (10)
- 4 Middle of body approximately below top in theory (5)

- 5 Lovely flower beds go – is cutting? (9)
- 6 Sand in bottle (4)
- 7 Villain or devil incarnate, ultimately infernal (8)
- 8 Neither won nor lost many – chose randomly (4,4)
- 13 Fruits served up with very little bread, flowing only somewhat? (4-6)
- 15 Opposition on the case, punch the air! (6-3)
- 16 Holding flag up, Australian natives found in honourable retirement (8)
- 17 Suffering evidence, magistrate lacking in religious education bamboozled (8)
- 19 Finally, loveless princess put on right slipper? (6)
- 20 Narrative including header in equaliser, getting level (6)
- 23 Doctrine was concerned with love, no answer to it (5)
- 24 Elephants perhaps identified by the ears, they say? (4)

Solution No. 27,213

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