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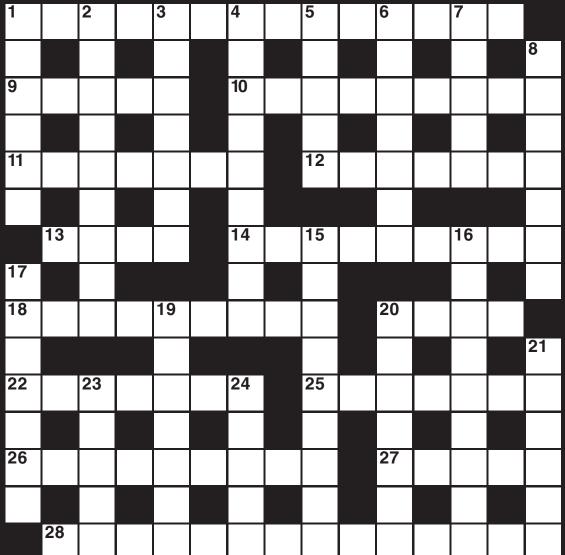
- **1** Typical delegate (14)
- **9** Wildly paces the room (5)
- **10** Power play in large garden requires written documents (9)
- **11** Very heavy fall of rain and so on, after Monday (7)
- **12** Back by coastal area shortly with new weapons (7)
- 13 Old weapon for private in Dad's Army (4)
- **14** In rodeo, wild eleven contained rust (4,5)
- 18 A small department head joins, having the skill (9)
- **20** Reading through poem, maybe novel (4)
- 22 Fruit, a necessity back in South Africa (7)
- 25 Outside old castle without a decorative disc (7)
- **26** Showing agreement when holding youngster it's true (2,7)
- 27 Odd and tangled saying (5)
- **28** Corny issue resolved, bank on formal ending (5,9)

DOWN

- 1 Start again by returning large birds to queen (6)
- 2 Woeful five wearing no flashy neckwear (9)
- **3** Said, I viewed something horrible (7)
- 4 Old vessels I've to make spacious (9)
- 5 Caught a piranha devouring animal (5)
- 6 Rent-a-party twister (7)
- 7 Engine sound from front of valve chamber (5)
- 8 Theologian was on a slope circling, but lost control (7)
- **15** Hormone replacement for gene's root (9)
- **16** Instant means of communication in time, perhaps (9)
- **17** Not all demerara is in sponge cake ingredients (7)

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- 19 Weather heard from above, this is disappearing beneath (7)
- 20 Notes old coin accepted by tutor (7)
- 21 Tired agent receives American general (6)
- 23 Capital city's Kyoto? That's wrong (5)
- **24** Section of telegram is surely wrong (5)