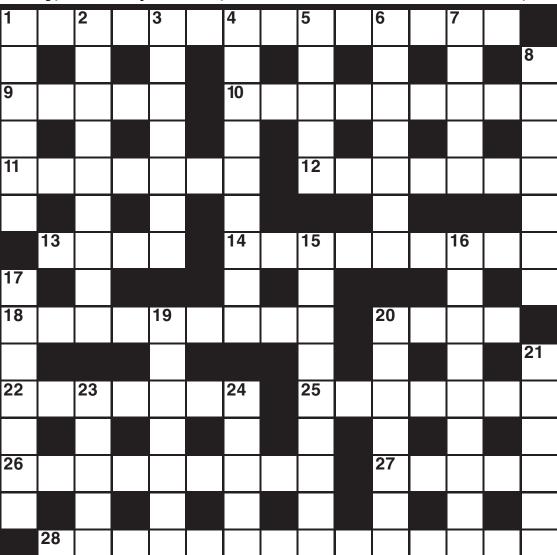
ACROSS

- 1 Chatty raven's location changed (14)
- **9** Room at the top in cottage, initially (5)
- **10** To hurry back to dark film with wine (5,4)
- **11** Bigger kitchen utensil, say (7)
- **12** Some articulate feelings about librarian's penalty (4,3)
- 13 Blades held in commando arsenal (4)
- **14** Whatever happens to wild canine, say (2,3,4)
- **18** Officially lay down before writer (9)
- 20 Comfortable about weapons (4)
- 22 Warship liable to be quarantined? (7)
- 25 National emblem shown in the list, wrongly (7)
- **26** Suggestive smell of older sort of divider when unopened (9)
- 27 Verbally instructed with cake? (5)
- 28 Careless lads do unearth old manuscripts (4,3,7)

DOWN

- **1** Transform money (6)
- 2 Dilapidated and remote cathedral (5,4)
- 3 Stirs up former views, we hear (7)
- 4 Place umpires in car (9)
- 5 Having a key in Boston allowable (5)
- **6** Show greater endurance than troublesome tout, say (7)
- 7 At a distance a jackass pulled up (5)
- 8 Film about avarice welcomed (7)
- 15 A small department head joins, having the skill (9)
- **16** Wearing nothing when gold Renault's turning (2,7)
- 17 Ranges of unusual carpets (7)

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- 19 Relaxed when out in the cold (7)
- 20 Initially gems refuse to sparkle (7)
- 21 Holiday nook (6)
- 23 Narrow part of hill in Cambridgeshire (5)
- 24 Scope to be angry around the north (5)