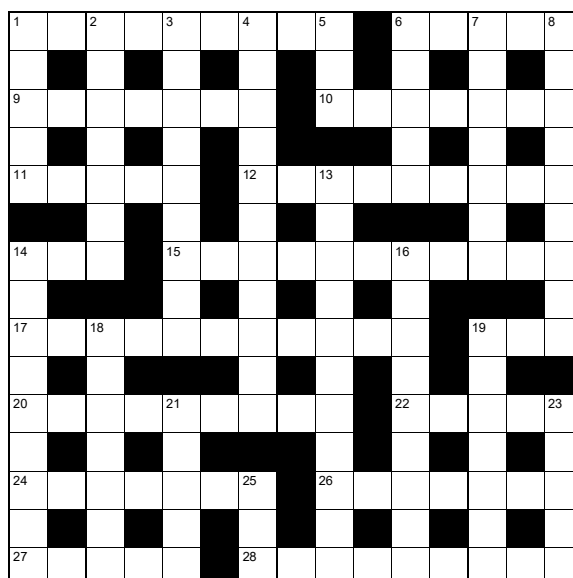


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ACROSS

- 1 Attack squad's clean-up (9)
- 6 Demean an HQ (5)
- 9 Fiery genius — Oscar Wild (7)
- 10 Computer virus support is a nightmare (7)
- 11 County heads for selection, hitters in rated eleven (5)
- 12 Replace tarmac, as a breathless whale might (9)
- 14 Format not for dull finish (3)
- 15 Bad temper, innit — cheeky? (11)
- 17 Beauty consultant disperses oceanic mist (11)
- 19, 25dn Scary type is oddly OK (3,3)
- 20 Concealed in robe is ancestral sign of respect (9)
- 22 Say, are you the French king? (5)
- 24 The bookkeeper, as a matter of fact, runs for local banks (7)
- 26 Flourishing — losing a pound and prospering (7)
- 27 Wear the ends away to reach our home (5)
- 28 Bedding exchange where Spooner gets his humbugs (9)

DOWN

- 1 Circles round bargains (5)
- 2 Believer swallows the New Testament — he'll make an impression (7)
- 3 Along the beach, iron heels are rubbish (9)
- 4 Fashionable screenplay? No, I returned dedication (11)
- 5 Low tide's early — before breakfast starts (3)
- 6 Upset emotional range (5)
- 7 Best art gallery? It shows film (7)
- 8 Seriously prompt about bird's structure (9)
- 13 Say Mass? Competent? Good enough (11)
- 14 Eva I'm back, carrying bird for oven (9)
- 16 Monster in turmoil at the heart (9)
- 18 Somewhere to stay that's a charitable set-up (7)
- 19 Egotistical, a bit like me? (7)
- 21 Ruin small potatoes (5)
- 23 Cobble together dress in court (3,2)
- 25 (see 19ac) (3)