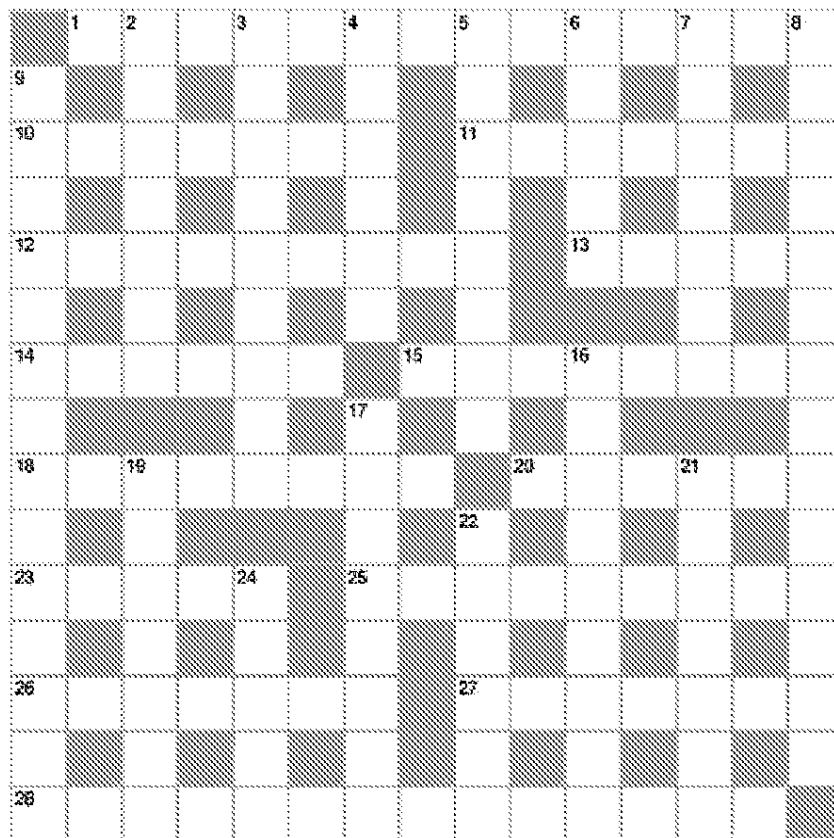




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### ACROSS

- 1 Go over the reason plays show promise (5,4,5)  
 10 Resolve of partner no longer restrained (7)  
 11 First female boxer? On the contrary (7)  
 12 When cryptic maybe is crudely fashioned (5-4)  
 13 Lists of rogues (5)  
 14 Resort visited by this girl guide (6)  
 15 A set of Tolkien's ideas (8)  
 18 Loud soldiers in Bow, tough place for chickens (8)  
 20 Yam's second appearance by Henry (6)  
 23 Old people as a precaution finishing early (5)  
 25 Balancing when and where to dine with dons? (7,2)  
 26 Degree of depression left old bloke terminally lost (7)  
 27 Phrase repeated by a novel crime fighter (7)  
 28 Singers avoid English chap carrying infection (6,8)

### DOWN

- 2 Break in game, neat time to intervene (7)  
 3 Casual friends turning up, like Larry? (4-5)  
 4 Imperial units of pressure removed from springs (6)  
 5 Power player (8)  
 6 Feeling hot, group goes topless (5)  
 7 After agitating an ape go furthest away (7)  
 8 Upset over a way to cheat making carpets (5,1,5,3)  
 9 Simple words oaf treated as clever ones (6,2,6)  
 16 Gents harbouring desires for eccentricity (9)  
 17 Something made up about cafe trading sandwiches (8)  
 19 They could be about spice blending (7)  
 21 Blood-red when beheaded, like a snake (7)  
 22 Outspoken man in spring letting off steam (6)  
 24 Cake that is cooked with no topping (5)