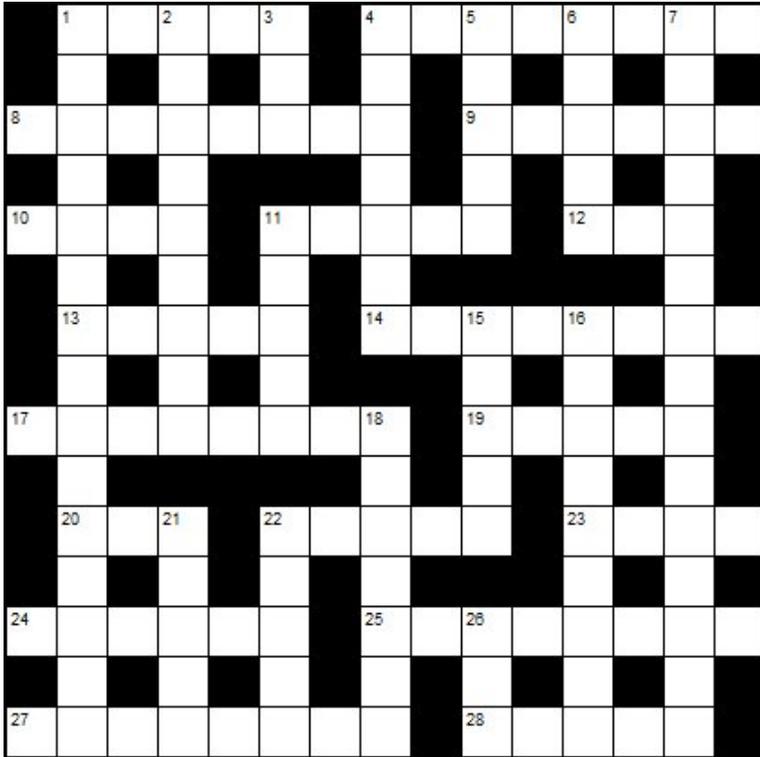


Puzzle by Deuce

There's a lot going on in this puzzle, not least some clever and creative clueing. 4 and 10 across are excellent, and 1 down is one of the best clues I have seen anywhere for a long time.



ACROSS

- 1 Turkey has unruly underclass (5)
- 4 A minute tot drunk after fare first put away? (8)
- 8 Half-retain anything once instructed again (8)
- 9 Black star which shines brightest? (6)
- 10 Run fast – he does! (4)
- 11 Successfully played first half of game leading to Euros, say (5)
- 12 Sixth Sense, in particular (3)
- 13 Siren starts to light up, revealing emergency rescue (5)
- 14 Not using land in derelict East End (3-5)
- 17 Article to spread moisture after leaving mouth of utensil? (8)
- 19 This one bends elbow, regularly taking britches to side of hip (5)
- 20 Fruit found in fridge, oddly (3)
- 22 British university, home to 3, with large endowment (5)
- 23 Nymph to play again? (4)
- 24 He's committed last instalment of loan from mortgage? (6)
- 25 Who, maybe, I attempt to follow, causing hold-up, etc (8)
- 27 Girl goes after extremely seductive religious leader (8)
- 28 It produces figure for company to charge? (5)

DOWN

- 1 Tale where familiar mouth raged? (3,6,2,4)
- 2 One bit of bar (5,4)
- 3 One with role in ham production to steal the limelight? (3)
- 4 Serves at opening of tennis finals (7)
- 5 Lost on Black or Red, for instance (2,3)
- 6 Strange ingredient of beer I enjoy (5)
- 7 POTUS to dupe indiscriminately, ahead of explosive false accusation (7-2,6)
- 11 Reverse Thatcher's stuff to generate growth more than once (5)
- 15 Check with Crookshanks' banded cousin? (5)
- 16 So Arthur perhaps takes on English Knight for ill-breeding? (9)
- 18 One barrel's contents of grain's said to be fit for scoffing (7)

21 Age on blended port (5)

22 Solutions a long time coming? Look back in answer book (5)

26 This used to write bill (3)