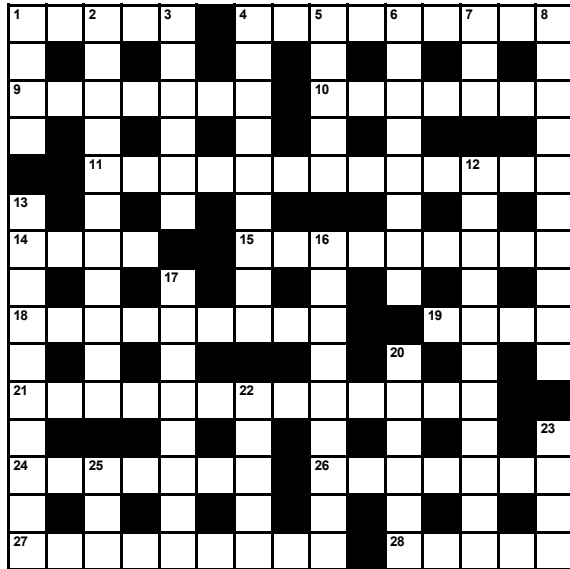


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Across

- 1 Put argument against rejecting possible source of chips (5)
- 4 A couple of petitions 200 sign for skunk pigs (9)
- 9 Finally arrested those having benzodiazepines and the like (7)
- 10 Beer is better after removing this old jacket (7)
- 11 Cursory bursary, perhaps for children's entertainment (7,6)
- 14 Ordinarily accommodates backward country (4)
- 15 Not one swallows beers brewed from tropical fruit (9)
- 18 Shakespeare's Shrew brought back in tender modern play (9)
- 19 Quiet local one to avoid (4)
- 21 The French desire a poet to be a racing driver (5,8)
- 24 Work without procedures for where to plant seeds (7)
- 26 7 beginning to tire in dance summit (7)
- 27 Magic Roundabout creator's neither down nor out in military mess (9)
- 28 Autocrat loses second supply dump (5)

Down

- 1 Fish which can steer a boat without hesitation (4)
- 2 Old stick found in Bronze Age tomb something possibly used for hunting (3,3,5)
- 3 Conservative accepts second element in hypothesis (6)
- 4 Writer's imitation navy gets top honours (9)
- 5 Bear loses rights for divine tea-holder (5)
- 6 Country where American founder of religion half-heartedly goes either way (3,5)
- 7 Putting pressure on this could stop one being this (3)
- 8 Declaring it's surprisingly loud inside meeting (10)
- 12 What one expects well-drilled soldiers to do features favourite sheep being upended outside (5,2,4)
- 13 Goes round after hours probing travelling show (10)
- 16 Small hose protecting artist's hands (9)
- 17 Company enters to pose awkwardly for ear inspector (8)
- 20 It's old, broken, and unlikely to be moved (6)
- 22 Very tired characters from rural Lincolnshire (3,2)
- 23 Rejected surveillance methods causing controversy (4)
- 25 Standard no-nonsense bird (3)