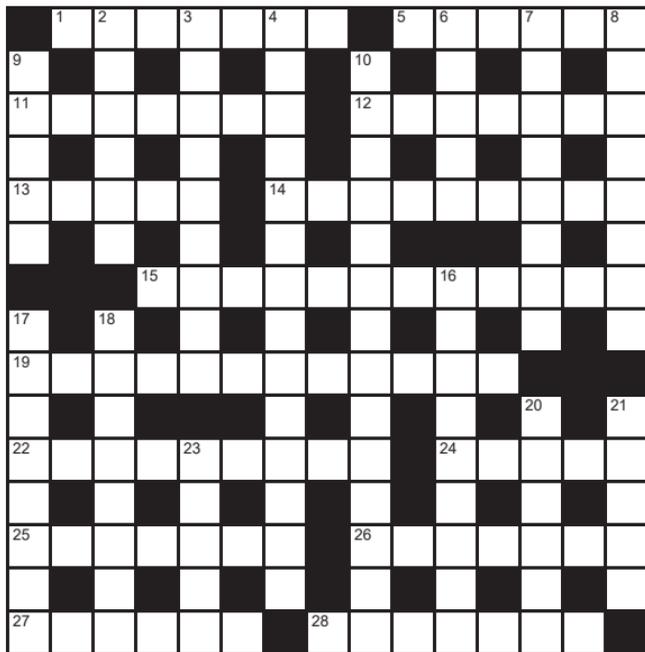


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Bill's singing well (7)
- 5 Refrain from supporting self-admiration (6)
- 11, 14 Director's short time in quarantine not bad (7,9)
- 12 Bound to enter convenient old cinema (7)
- 13 Berserk UK mostly came apart (5)
- 14 See 11
- 15 Neutros calling for broadcast (12)
- 19 Filthy rich "saint" fiddled with the tops of innocent teenagers – yes, that's religion! (12)
- 22 Pages in pioneer recipe for sausage (9)
- 24 Spiked, like some shoes (5)
- 25 First link with big man flu uncovered (7)
- 26 Contents of Illinois omelettes are nauseating (7)
- 27 Out of true fondness, Jack and Jane finally got married (6)
- 28 Notice lines likely to cause problems (7)

DOWN

- 2 Venus may be infiltrated by a mole (6)
- 3 Unfashionable clothing in the suburbs (9)
- 4 Old city displaced Pole chasing stable home (14)
- 6 Billy or Danny may be Indian (5)
- 7 Once pictures start to get legal, leaving little to the imagination (8)
- 8 Either retiring or extroverted (8)
- 9 One in four supporting Swedish top team (5)
- 10 On a diet, perhaps, including those in charge above (14)
- 16 Last 23 to go round moon (9)
- 17 They doubt coronavirus's origin in infected bats, ultimately (8)
- 18 Trigger for Spooner is someone experimenting with flagellation (4,4)
- 20 Cast parts but not the lead (6)
- 21 Kind of snake seen in summer (5)
- 23 Obscene literature includes the best! (5)