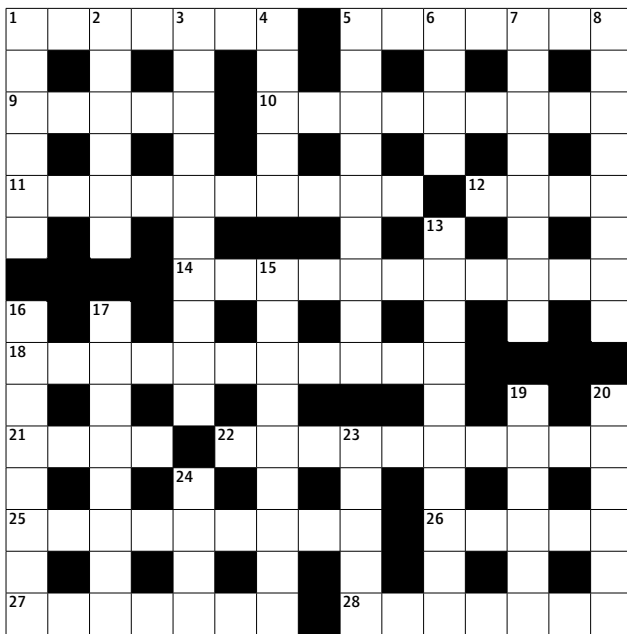


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Across

- 1,9 Guy's M? (7,5)
 5 See 19
 10 Nudist finally put on clothes to arouse (9)
 11 Picture that remains in Margate, if designed by Emin, originally (10)
 12 Piece of papyrus, edges worn (4)
 14 Welsh M? (2,6,3)
 18 Thinner bit, stripe I gathered (5,6)
 21 Ultimately quaint, small and cute? (4)
 22 Groom admits the issue then starts to cause angst – no getting out of it? (6,4)
 25 Return of musical chap bringing back memories (9)
 26 A number stuck on it, nothing like porridge! (5)
 27 Reparation for each of 1 down, 4, 16 and 23? (7)
 28 Artist is heading for Shanghai in China (7)

Down

- 1 Very little covering cop up (6)
 2 Deny the SW entrance opposite to this? (6)
 3 Curious setter in Shed, perhaps (though keep mum out of it) (10)
 4 Brood raised around southern English town (5)
 5 One Conservative in political control, not

half becoming slippery (5,4)

- 6 Tube was quick, they say? (4)
 7 Creative piece knocks outstanding hospital, oddly oddly? (8)
 8 Public visiting times when work stops, always welcomed (4,4)
 13 Go nude with it, doubly unlikely to get censorship (7,3)
 15 Record in running final (9)
 16 Squad requiring a measure of power to break through thin line (4,4)
 17 Clean window pane at the edges when cracked (4,4)
 19,5across Poetry mixing fire and sonnet? (6,7)
 20 Bum safe when evacuated, stink contained (6)
 23 Stop inhaling a vapour (5)
 24 C Clay country? (4)

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