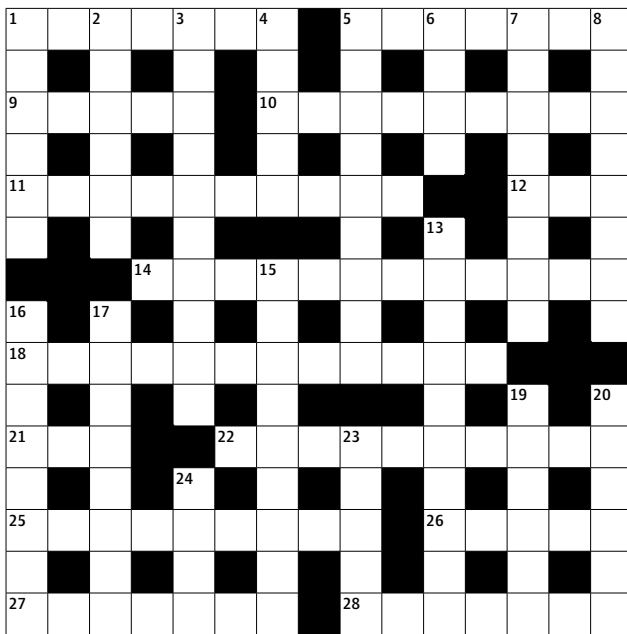


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Across

- 1 No fortune for 14 (7)
- 5 A god eating five or one helping (7)
- 9 Interpreter of music outlines case of leading composer (5)
- 10 14 to damage instrument that's cracked? (9)
- 11 Within limits of taste, he had to bite tongue in 14 (3,3,4)
- 12 Fruit, cool or hot? (3)
- 14 If maybe so, not dizzy in a spin? (7,5)
- 18 Leave one spaced out about vote, as a mission of Nixon's era (6,6)
- 21 Tailless fish turns back (3)
- 22 Pandemonium a degree among Yorkshire city gents, perhaps? (10)
- 25 Shout curtailed with cricketing trophy beyond English batters? (9)
- 26 Might a girl be put out? (5)
- 27 Backing singer detailed with papers for 14 (7)
- 28 14 – are you free to erase one? (7)

where must that road end? (9)

- 6 Reportedly yucky bottle (4)
- 7 Relative Arthur's dad punches – that's to the point? (8)
- 8 Deeper ranges, good parts for the contrabassoon, perhaps? (4,4)
- 13 Building a shambles when put up, gaudy stuff (10)
- 15 War machine, the brute out to catch leader in conflict (9)
- 16 14 raising newspaper above competitors (8)
- 17 Get lost in good play, with end uplifted? (2,2,4)
- 19 A king mixed food up, almost entirely in a state (6)
- 20 Lane in 14 passes round outskirts of village in 14 (4,2)
- 23 Failure stood leaderless between political wings (5)
- 24 Held up by queen, a jocular 14 (4)

Down

- 1 Quite right, inessential clothes (6)
- 2 Waiter sportingly poking spleen with base of utensil (6)
- 3 Urbane lad turned page ultimately – it's garbled (10)
- 4 Wells has a problem with empty pages (5)
- 5 Where planes seen investing energy in new road,

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