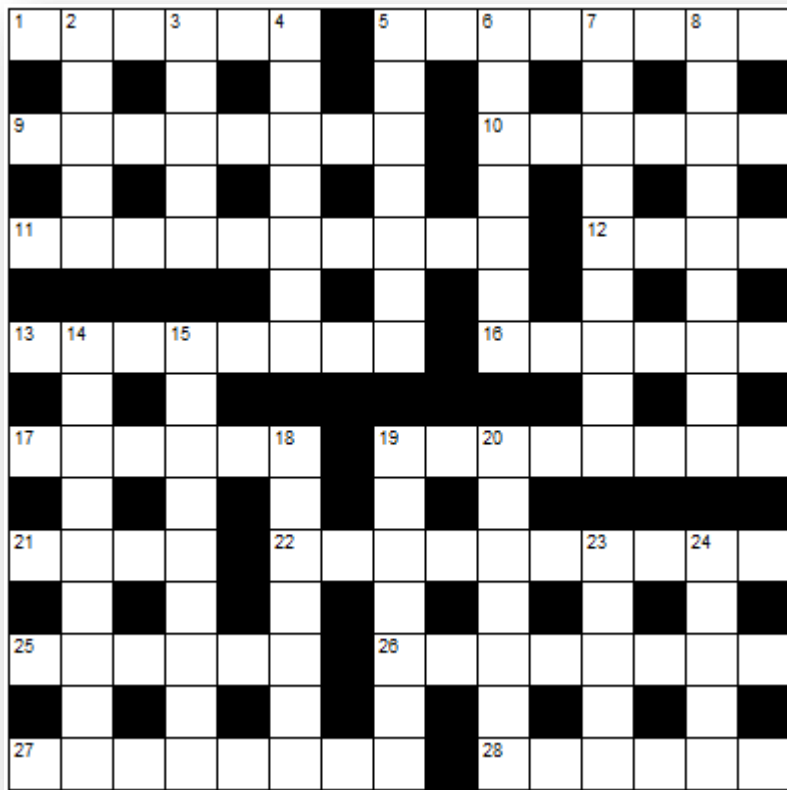


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Six thematic answers are clued without definition. A further piece of thematic information can be found in the completed grid (14 letters).



Across

- 1 Exploit requires phrase about postal order (3,3)
- 5 Canny about the country, 6 can no longer do this? (8)
- 9 Elaborated with heraldic tinctures inside and turned back to back (8)
- 10 Orator details Aussie beast about diamonds (6)
- 11 Trouble in mix-up involving Lord Justice and vicar (10)
- 12 Stole the hearts of Hannu, Tim, Danny and Ian (4)
- 13 Puffing out after rowing around lake (8)
- 16 Propositions left girl seduced at first (6)
- 17 You French don't half expand a riot! (6)
- 19 Received nothing and watch duke become shabby (2,2,4)
- 21 Ruby glowered at every third character (4)
- 22 Sean's wives resort to fluctuations (10)
- 25 Awkward cowboy gets energy for nothing (6)
- 26 Get penny for the interval (8)
- 27 Female relative in relief from wrong assertions (8)
- 28 Flocks (English and Slovenian) follow knight on board ship (6)

Down

- 2 God! Endless trading is chaotic (5)
- 3 Moulding love without eccentricity returns to nought, love! (5)
- 4 Will I suffer, eating up this food? (7)
- 5 Uproar in club that finishes early (7)
- 6 Absence of carbon in chemical concoction (7)
- 7 Prison calls Mike and Neens, perhaps? (9)
- 8 Weight loss might shake ring loose? (9)
- 14 Judge Javan bull to be without velocity after rampage (9)
- 15 Scatter eastern squad and cut channels (9)
- 18 Ports stay new when shaken up (7)
- 19 Steers good bowling square (past point) (7)
- 20 Higher temperature in steeping vats is so much worse (4,3)
- 23 Stag swaps label for Shiraz. What a pig! (5)
- 24 It was twilight (for the poet); the last snow lay round about (5)

