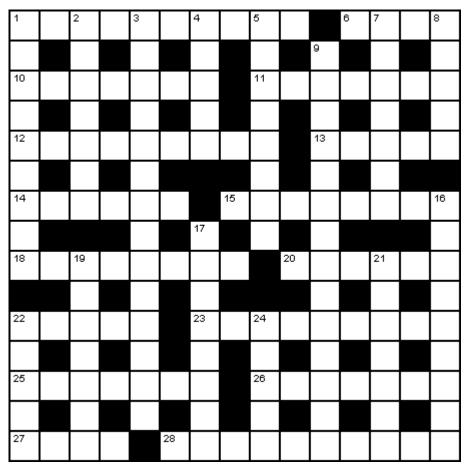
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Across

- 1 Look parrot gripping fruit can stirred (10)
- 6 Stylish Arab leader described (4)
- **10** Replace exotic cotton cloth (7)
- **11** Provide protection for the woman taking heat (7)
- **12** Some clientele, yes, had owned make-up (3,6)
- **13** Different parent starts late (5)
- **14** Tempt excited niece with bit of toffee (6)
- **15** Hyper like Parisians, for the most part keeping tie knotted (8)
- **18** Carpenter's tool belonged to singer McEntire, contrarily (5,3)
- **20** TV show cost I'm redistributing (6)
- 22 Wears out swings, sometimes (5)
- 23 Forlorn, droopiest bank customer (9)
- **25** Gang has trouble with fence (7)
- **26** Spanish gentlemen taking interest in old people (7)
- **27** Rotate front of the vase (4)
- 28 Cold fury led Nin astray (10)

Down

- 1 Freshman cadet surrounded by uncouth people in chain restaurant (9)
- **2** Ten sheltered by seaside city sign (7)
- **3** Mystery writer remodeled high attic areas (6,8)
- 4 Man occupies a spot in front (5)
- 5 Irish port maintains, as we recalled, social services (8)
- **7** Bring forth alien cutting implement (7)
- **8** Vehicle carrying the French net (5)
- **9** Revival overwhelms one opposing search for information (14)
- **16** Arrived pale after run, averse to paparazzi? (6-3)
- 17 Comic author Fleming has green sweater (8)
- **19** Wearing fewer clothes around Rhode Island is an impediment (7)
- 21 Fish containing fat mixed with bit of oatmeal?! (3,4)
- 22 Cutting around old part of a deck (5)
- **24** Group of insecure sophomores raised a tough question (5)