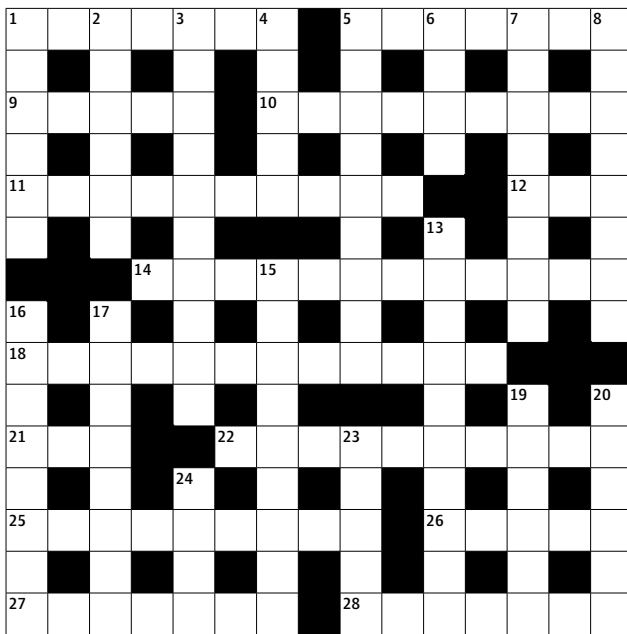


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Across

- 1 View from large castle – king’s away first (7)
5 Messi runs by one, then many – it’s shocking! (7)
9 Yankee river for y’all up North? (5)
10 Chaotic place with heroin injected by heathen meat eater (9)
11 Fielding position gets another 1006 balls? (5,5)
12 First Lady’s bit of 17? (3)
14 I may work with insects a bit, not forgetting ant (12)
18 Records of English schooling or otherwise (12)
21 Mother undressed girl (3)
22 Rising, minister’s answer: “No start to synod?” (10)
25 Quantity of money left out to grip Trump’s soul (9)
26 A hobbit’s sword (5)
27 Horse’s tail pulled by bull in spring and autumn? (7)
28 Ruling family is extremely dirty and filthy (7)

Down

- 1 O Little Town, sung to baby ox, ends in trouble (6)
2 Makes fun of square relatives (6)
3 Musical drama is *not* funny, it’s lots of action (10)

- 4 Instrument carried by Jack (a zoologist) (5)
5 Ex-foreign secretary wears small girdle for washing (9)
6 Egyptian architect misses pet being around, in my humble opinion (4)
7,19 They produce deft, magic lines when flowing (8,6)
8 Unions, caught in the past, get right with socialist leader (8)
13 Between cities and at home, queen wears head garment (10)
15 Wild animal lives for uncertain times (6,3)
16 Bends over books by lecturer on “European game” (8)
17 Magnificent men on board said to make wine (5,3)
19 See 7
20 Cartoon dog, Spot, catches new balls (6)
23 Head of Ofsted lied about being drunk (5)
24 Material girl (4)

Solution No. 27,165

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