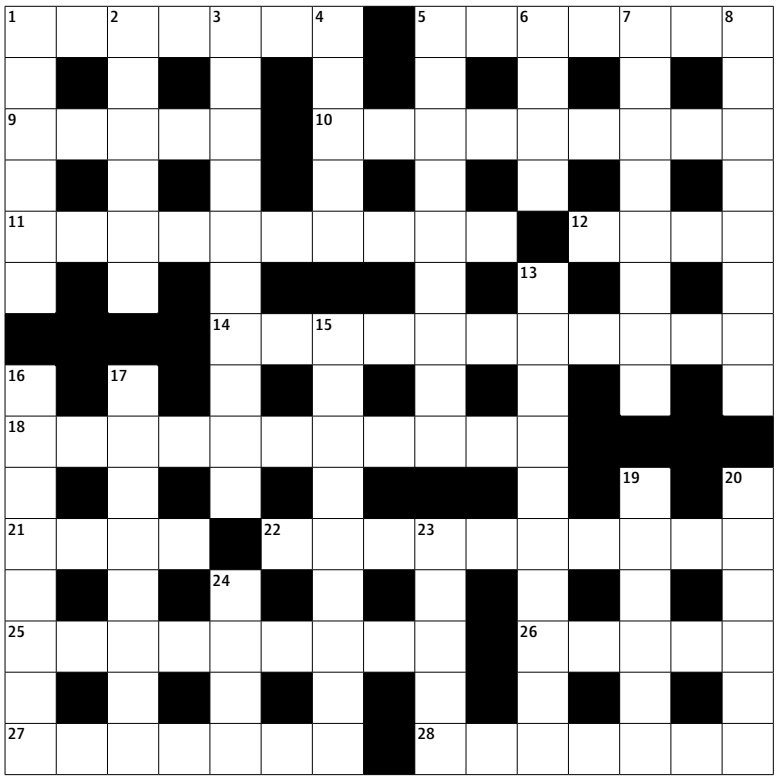
Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,128 set by Paul



Across

1 Outspoken characters poke fun at cocky individual (4,3)
5 Fragrant ingredient ending on tongue in mouth, say, not a sausage! (7)
9/1D Worn like a pair of jeans, best one, was he describing trousers? (11)
10 With carnation originally pressed, flatter flower (9)
11 Oxford and Cambridge, for example, might see various houses like that (10)
12 Ruler that's serving as ruler, primarily (4)
14 Seat and doors go around - it seems to be working (2,3,2,4)
18 Prime minister's initial bloomer - something that would float? (5-6)
21 A King of blues accompanies a pop group (4)
22 Nip by jaw on a furry animal (10)
25 Travel bag, into which throw rubbish (5-4)
26 Horseplay in back of cafe and waiters doubly sapped of energy (5)
27 A stud excited about American woman associated with modelling (7)
28 Traitor present, not to be trusted (7)

Down

1 See 9 Across
2 Boozer, bum (6)
3 Visits daughter and breaks down (4,2,4)
4 Tough lad put up with the same cut (5)
5 Running, then changing pace, nothing ahead (2,3,4)
6 Pipe hasn't opened in vessel (4)
7 Earlier version once with star performing (8)
8 Single unit impressing soldier, five-hundred marching up and down (2,6)
13 A miscue in rough after possible selection of driver? (6,4)
15 Wearing down iron, heat affected rust (9)
16 Aligned, paintings etc put up - where visible? (8)
17 Ralph has come up with duck in gravy - wonderful! (8)
19 Fascist leader in Italy clued cryptically (2,4)
20 Canine with crown on basically like every tooth (6)
23 A little glutton ate seventeen buns (5)
24 Herbivore's wish upon a star (4)

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