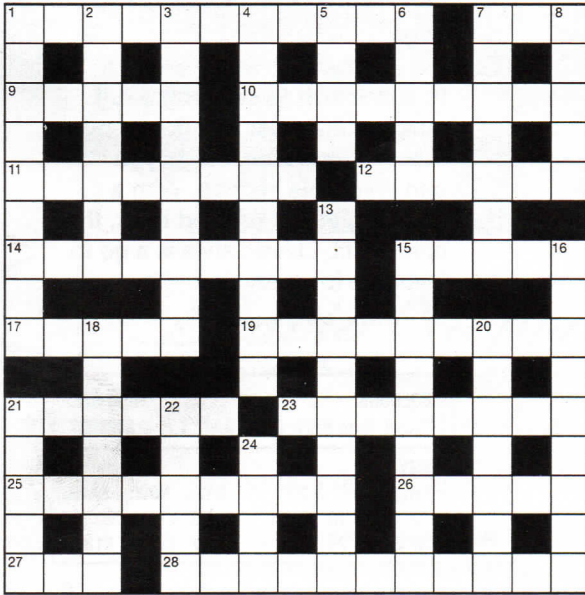


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## ACROSS

- 1** Group of applicants, as for an item in short supply, in the order of their application (7,4)
- 7** Chatter, talk (3)
- 9** Major French river (5)
- 10** The British government department responsible for money belonging to the state (9)
- 11** (and **12** across, **19** across and **8** down) Proverb suggesting that graphics tell a story as effectively as descriptive text (1,7,6,1,8,5)
- 12** See **11** across
- 14** Passenger, tourist (9)

- 15** Discharge of fire from weapons in unison (5)
- 17** A wharf or pier used for the loading and unloading of ships (5)
- 19** See **11** across
- 21** Mark of social disgrace (6)
- 23** Food of the gods (8)
- 25** Former political system in South Africa (9)
- 26** Mixer (5)
- 27** Star sign (3)
- 28** Takes back (11)

## DOWN

- 1** Justified (9)
- 2** Japanese island, setting for a major Second World War battle (3,4)
- 3** Incompetence (9)
- 4** Partisans,

- irregulars (10)
- 5** Scratch (4)
- 6** The eighth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 7** Diary (7)
- 8** See **11** across
- 13** Greek mathematician, physicist and inventor (10)
- 15** A minor

- female role in comedy (9)
- 16** Military supplies; munitions (9)
- 18** City in Illinois (7)
- 20** Agrees (7)
- 21** Material worn around the shoulders (5)
- 22** Latin mother? (5)
- 24** Food for sea urchins (4)

## SOLUTION TO NO 1,691

