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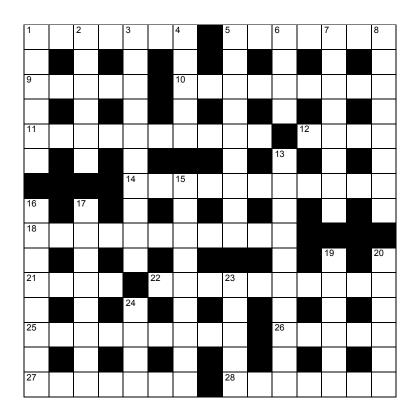
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Across

- **1** Joker embracing true bisexual—one sitting pretty? (7)
- **5** Flyer's surreal tale involving pixie's return (7)
- 9 Draped half-outfit throughout India, chiefly! (5)
- **10** Coming back, I hand over shortened weapon in state of alert (9)
- **11** After almost three months, a marine mammal with a gun is something you don't need to worry about (5,5)
- **12** Feature always present in cryptic hints (4)
- **14** Slug that hurts dope committed to Roman politician (5,6)
- **18** Senator's essay is declared a work of fiction (3,3,5)
- **21** Hood associate to fold (4)
- 22 In an organized fashion, I cite math and number, ultimately! (10)
- 25 Nearly 60 minutes, with breaks, turned the head of easygoing cohabitant (9)
- **26** Rotate a pair of wheels in real life (5)
- **27** Exercise set with anger: unproductive (7)
- **28** Powerful shower available from the landlord is about right (7)



Down

- 1 Buffalo Bill accepts stipulation to systematize (6)
- 2 They cause trouble with model for Ford luxury car (6)
- **3** I take a horse with a smell like a rainbow (10)
- **4** Was up in the details? (5)
- **5** Talking too much of record or ratite (9)
- 6 A pioneering journalist with skill (4)
- 7 Idiot studmuffin was in charge, according to Spooner (8)
- **8** Drink it, over ages and ages (3,3,2)
- 13 Lawn cutter, in the afternoon, is interrupted by debtor and another debtor (5,5)
- **15** MASKS AND GLOVES IN THE REAR HALF OF YOUR BOX (9)
- 16 Samples of small timekeepers (8)
- **17** Bar of Chopin originally found in musical introduction (8)
- **19** Gear next to exhaust (6)
- **20** Cat formerly avoiding neutral fate (6)
- 23 Endlessly try to devour a hot fudge sundae, say (5)
- **24** Firebombing gets a better deal from the bank (4)