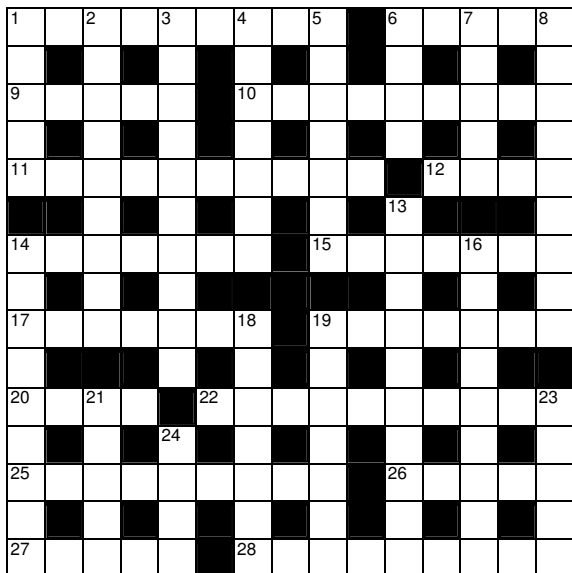


# COMPETITION CROSSWORD



QUETZALCOATL

Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.

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## Across

1. Are IBM cut out to identify bug? (9)
6. Even a Scots jackdaw is a hoodie! (5)
9. Pub, the *Queen* (by the *Bull*) (5)
10. Disputative cut backs outbreak of malice (9)
11. Fairy leads macho beast to sunniest point (10)
12. Negotiate a trade in timber (4)
14. Cluedo's played as a sweetener (7)
15. Odds on a chaotic Reich being global (7)
17. Give Chris a gun, every tradesman's required equipment! (7)
19. Runs? Barely! (7)
20. Attraction of degree in computing (4)
22. Tears elementary change to 3 (10)
25. Devious below decks crewman? (9)
26. Call none a star? Right! (5)
27. Extended run in the early morning (5)
28. Cut back the cutting for a clearer preserve (9)

## Down

1. Soft, soft aircraft (5)
2. Diva, a rebel, a bad lot! (9)
3. Defences of elementary change to 22 (10)
4. At a push the setter is beat! (7)
5. Softens up with cuts, over an arm's length (7)
6. Customise sanctimonious member (4)
7. Frill he stitched to former force (5)
8. Most colourless southern side (3,6)
13. Poor, populous and politically powerless peoples of a partial planet! (5,5)
14. Obligated to tax limitation (4-5)
16. Set out again to raise the scope (9)
18. Sheep ingest first barium sachets (7)
19. First shilling an investor has spare (7)
21. Help province back into the Raj (5)
23. Old barges allegedly on the Mersey (5)
24. I'm out of my head, just rough bits remain! (4)