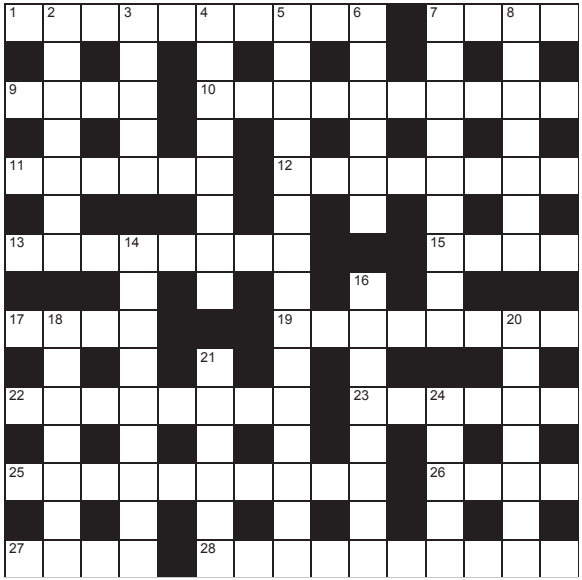
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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1 Parton shock! Kinky hole in bra cut by director (6,4)
7 Sherpa might yell: "It's over behind you!" (4)
9 Jon's last bit of news, 18 (4)
10 Like old endless election campaign one enters? (10)
11 First visitor in 5 might introduce regular relief (6)
12 They're equipped with powerful bows and live over in Nova Scotia (8)
13 United but perhaps without No 1 back (8)
15 Frank marking degrees of resistance (4)
17 French grocer's exporting water on a vast scale (4)
19 Dopes nuts with 1, but not leader (8)
22 What Ernie did initially, earning love very fast (8)
23 Add big spaces for family emblems (6)
25 From now on nothing stops the French working (10)
26 Second visitor in 5 went by, say (4)
27 Block what Scrooge had withdrawn (4)
28 Gobble treat? (4,6)

DOWN

2 Ladies perhaps enjoying new joke in the 26 (4,3)
3 Coward welcomes White Christmas (5)
4 8's last word, the very one top pair ignored (8)
5 Book alarms nearly 16 so terribly (1,9,5)
6 First of rickety old trucks' regular journeys (6)
7 Last visitor in 5 still in my opinion holds firm (3,2,4)
8 Invalid 16 plea may be rendered impatiently (4,3)
14 22 upset after gag about Charles's top hat at Ascot (6,3)
16 Lord's cry about radical clerk in 5 (8)
18 Third visitor in 5's tense (7)
20 Estate's seedsmen pulling the first crackers (7)
21 Don's one-time advantage (6)
24 He records spill (5)

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