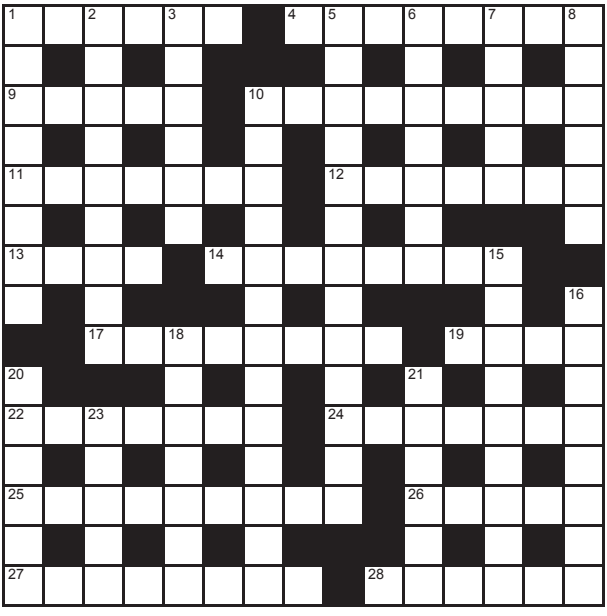
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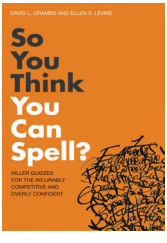
ACROSS

1 Punch gets supporter to change sides (6)
4 President's outside right building (8)
9 See copper, with molten lead as replacement (5)
10 Initially dedicated to goddess, but not finally (3,1,5)
11 Book transport (7)
12 Egyptian woman about to lead (7)
13 Studs here in nuclear submarine? (4)
14 12 g (8)
17 A drink I love – knocked back in France, freshly brewed (4,4)
19 Sound of table-tennis without the smell (4)
22 Possibly first option to buy? No! (7)
24 Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers finally appear after boy runs (7)
25 Bird is going to city centre devouring anything (6,3)
26 Record company not out to join the choir invisible (5)
27 9 held back by lean revolutionary (8)
28 Almost missing line of stars (6)

DOWN

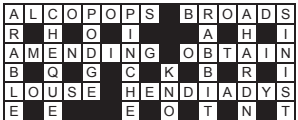
1 Remove surplus garment (8)
2 Enchantress standing up to grab a coin off the wall (9)
3 Manage to obtain pass (4,2)
5 Free love in Fiat car plant (7,6)
6 Lying about rock star (7)
7 Lust after Conservative party (5)
8 Fabric that's spotted outside empty apartment (6)
10 A fine shop, last resort for well-dressed people (7,6)
15 Last man in has trouble stopping boat (4-5)
16 Paint food container (8)
18 Two metals also included swag (7)
20 Yarn, we hear, devoid of pity (6)
21 One's not prepared for these remarks (2-4)
23 Criminal extremely fortunate to get half of capital (5)



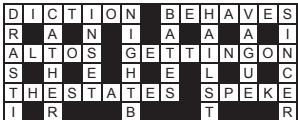


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