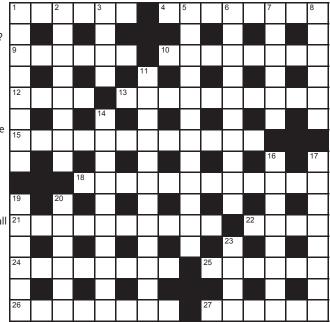
## Crossword 16,616 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 How loud one's read (6)
- 4 On leaving Luton, ready to travel, playing away (8)
- 9 Throw baby's toy (6)
- **10** Gold ring round in ebbing water, I'm off! (2,6)
- 12 Modern orator initially backing old poet (4)
- 13 Church confiscating fancy culottes, leaves from island? (3,7)
- **15** Star circling sky, what a relief! (5,7)
- 18 Honest artisan destroyed old entertainer (5,7)
- **21** Touring, I ignore new area like Tuscany? (4,6)
- 22 Puff and yawn (4)
- 24 At home I've had enough: last seen of deadly sin (8)
- **25** Capital in Budapest, in Cardiff or in Tbilisi (6)
- **26** Dependable quality, sauce bottles top it (8)
- 27 Knife stuck in another egg, a duck taken aback (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Aromatic beverage clergyman knocked up: drinker, arguably?(8)
- **2** Initially lazy, neutral converts Protestant (8)
- 3 Island nation cut liquor (4)
- **5** Eye disorder v. v. important originally, issue consuming one (6,6)
- **6** European Union figure in translation of Latin, rank (10)
- 7 Book where old puzzle, twothirds finished, turned up (6)
- 8 Queen after royal house for ball (6)
- **11** Detecting a fuss about order, dinner is served! (4,3,3,2)
- 14 Avoid drunks with riot out of control (5,5)
- 16 Excellent money (8)
- **17** Villain in Joker catching Batman, finally (8)
- **19** Lovers, elegant things impressing yours truly (6)
- **20** Person suffering, US playwright (6)
- 23 Drink taken in Monaco, lager(4)



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