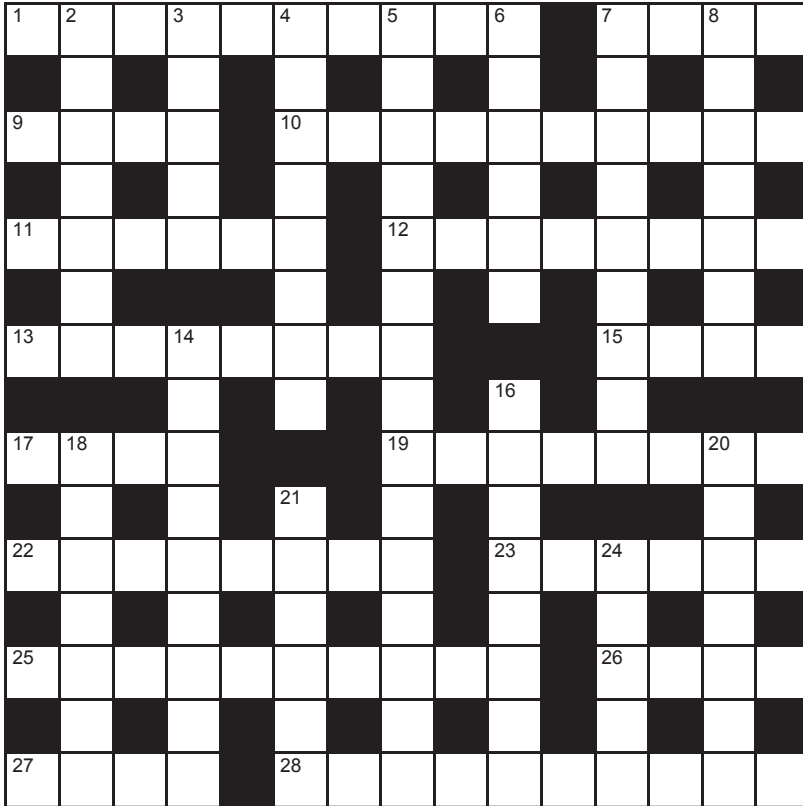


CROSSWORD

No 16,617 Set by ZAMORCA



ACROSS

- 1 Chaotic argument nobody needed to settle? (4-3-3)
- 7 Sobbed as first of wound's evil pus trickled (4)
- 9 Bet against being heard (4)
- 10 High flyers review model exam during mocks (3-7)
- 11 American writer initially tried one chapter in verse (6)
- 12 Those voting against point haven't a get-out (2,6)
- 13 Terrible colic after Rob's pickled vegetable! (8)
- 15 Thought island endlessly expensive (4)
- 17 Times report causes confusion (4)
- 19 Depressed following act's decline (4,4)
- 22 Calm vice-president's securing recall of current reservists (8)
- 23 Beheading meme by jerk is vomit-inducing (6)
- 25 Question article's peripheral knowledge on world seismic event (10)
- 26 Interested in painting some of spectacular Tyrol (4)
- 27 Good woman always gives support (4)
- 28 Teaches English nervously at first then becomes less serious (10)

DOWN

- 2 Competed with bravery, no time for bitterness . . . (7)
- 3 . . . and quits over final defeat in tournament (5)
- 4 One protesting judge is involved in October revolution (8)
- 5 Bad outcome as a second can with spirit gets teetotal man in trouble (1,5,2,3,4)
- 6 Made sheep's eyes bloodshot after emptying out lice drug (6)
- 7 Pregnant, which is surprising taking in time left inside out of sight (4,5)
- 8 Kipper cooked with egg stuffing is Melton Mowbray's claim to fame (4,3)
- 14 Revolutionary film on line shows special connection between people (9)
- 16 Repair fridge and put in, say, something for breakfast (5,3)
- 18 Determined now to get Mum set up with social worker (7)
- 20 Penned injured tit seized by another small bird (7)
- 21 Small university in France that is like no other (6)
- 24 Praise former gangster starting to testify (5)

JOTTER PAD