

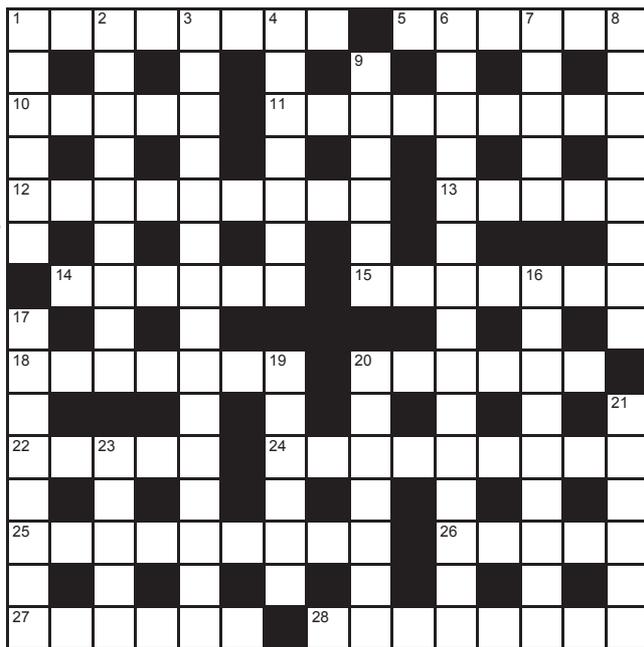
Crossword 16,628 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1** Tense as tempting confections wheeled over (8)
- 5** Goal that's material (6)
- 10** Poisonous stuff in turmeric, I noted (5)
- 11** Enclosed by desert, western country snubbing British nation (9)
- 12** Unable to write about end of destitution, one broke (9)
- 13** Eastern city right about fiddle backfiring (5)
- 14** By one's ear, hang on heavy load (6)
- 15** Arguably dirtier exhibitionist starts after cleaner act (7)
- 18** A part of the nose, cut (7)
- 20** Once more depict turning of screw (6)
- 22** Metropolitan running both ways? (5)
- 24** Coffee requested in twelve-ounce cup? That's unlikely to happen (4,5)
- 25** Proper computer lessons I have, simple (9)
- 26** Figure running joint (5)
- 27** Nice gutless journalists required (6)
- 28** Envy what vagrant might do with Dickensian simpleton (8)

DOWN

- 1** Grate pickle (6)
- 2** A current novel inspiring old storyteller (9)
- 3** Capital opposed to a deity, eastern church feeds spreading of lies (8,2,5)
- 4** Point about that is: last of clues the first to be solved, perhaps? (7)
- 6** Punk rock star brand I'm building (6,3,6)
- 7** Two times oxygen required for inspiration (5)
- 8** Little sticks for pond life (8)
- 9** Space rocket initially travelling an astronomically long way? (6)
- 16** Collected by cab, and one duly left (9)
- 17** Lip on short piece of glass vessel (8)
- 19** Require English with translation of Latin (6)
- 20** Free from responsibility, again experience overwhelming pleasure, finally (7)
- 21** A shade hot, stripped off over mountains (6)
- 23** Express love in wicked behaviour (5)



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