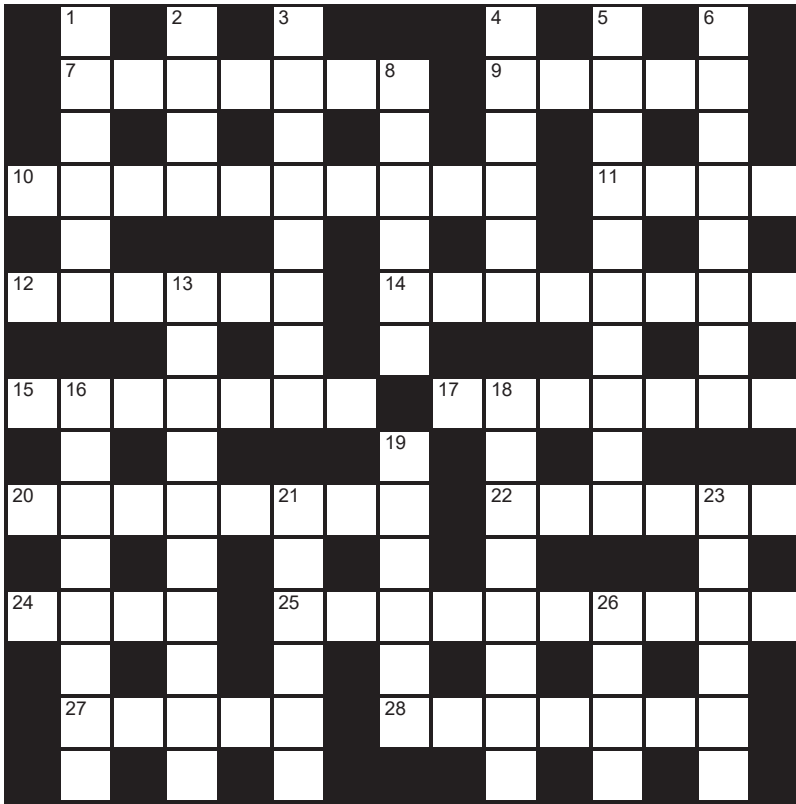


CROSSWORD

No 16,700 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 7 Message succulent plant around source of spots? (7)
 9 At specific intervals, regularly sarky about number one (1-4)
 10 Football is certainly this unfair (3,7)
 11 Literally relaxed face (4)
 12 Best singles, those intended for audience not players (6)
 14 Chatty bird having no time to hug soft dog (8)
 15 Prowling medic taking drugs (7)
 17 Material page removed from grand plan (7)
 20 A number of half-cut neighbours teeter with head fully down (8)
 22 Fraudulent suspect hiding terribly daft anarchy (6)
 24 Brand buttocks, right side then left (4)
 25 Suggest warning party to block playwright (10)
 27 Old character split when outside hospital (5)
 28 Apostle briefly wrapping brown bread for table (7)

DOWN

- 1 Sanction brother's housing permits (6)
 2 Nomogram cut short by surprise (4)
 3 Flora perhaps covering edges of Ifton Heath, for one (8)
 4 Skilful exploit carrying most of credit (6)
 5 Fanatic leader standing on crate (10)
 6 Musical in which very good French article mentioned Mr Simpson (8)
 8 Hiking gear regularly chopped to make type of fire (3-3)
 13 Burn in hell with scold that's going over old ground? (4,6)
 16 Old engineer in operation to stop excessive current (8)
 18 French painter unexpectedly arouses you at the climax (8)
 19 Execute present revelation (6)
 21 Children absorbed in self-instruction (6)
 23 Improve visit (4,2)
 26 Former US president minimally identified first victim

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,699

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