

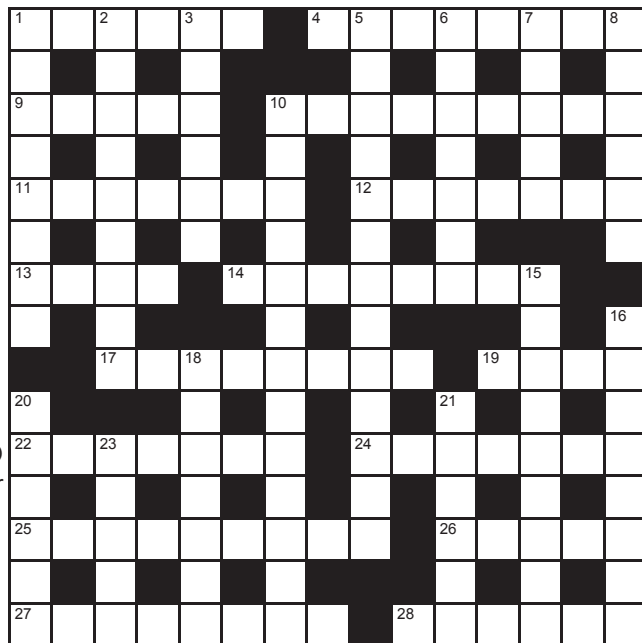
# Crossword 16,780 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Group exercise in river, doing the backstroke? (6)
- 4 Gag, entertaining not a soul, proves flatter (8)
- 9 Rat's first going for aquatic mammal (5)
- 10 Fan of German scorer wearing knitted article (9)
- 11 Intelligent man wrapping present (7)
- 12 Rare failing temperature, I'm not sure it's a mistake (7)
- 13 Long-distance runner's taken part in marathon, I learned (4)
- 14 Criminal using hideout, flipping anonymous (8)
- 17 Exciting work on the construction site? (8)
- 19 Long throw missing head (4)
- 22 On the way back, nameless Mexican relative possibly coming round (7)
- 24 Former flag in colour (7)
- 25 Nothing light in romance (4,5)
- 26 A little myrrh in old, old money (5)
- 27 Top sport, pet! (4-4)
- 28 Inscription in toenail? (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Massive biblical killing to which oik ultimately admitted (8)
- 2 Politer boy briefly whipped for work of poor quality (9)
- 3 Insect's organ warmer? (6)
- 5 Point where carbon accepted by compound of nitrogen in US scientific study (8,5)
- 6 Go too far in complete control (7)
- 7 Remains in sweaty lift (5)
- 8 Provide another handle that's broken near setter (6)
- 10 Roughly eight, in law, act for eleven (5,8)
- 15 Word in cryptic I need to find out (9)
- 16 Dump consignment, large amount (8)
- 18 Beans in cans terrific, initially, with a dietary supplement (7)
- 20 Great mass survey coming up, overseen by party (6)
- 21 Go without saying "tara", and regret virtually everything, first of all (6)
- 23 Note missing right and left edge (5)



Solution 16,779

Solution 16,768

