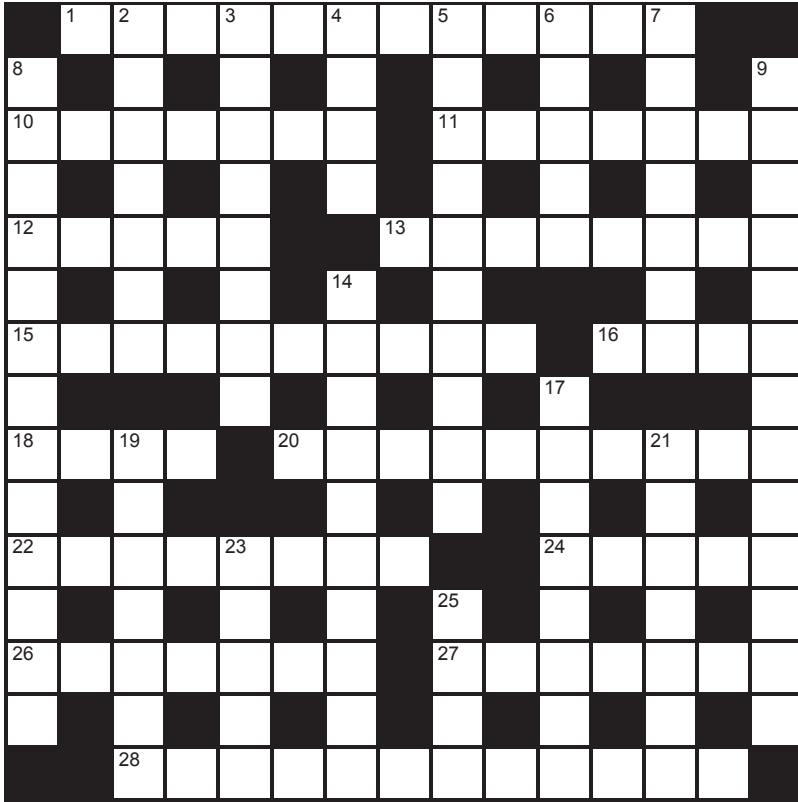


CROSSWORD

No 16,826 Set by LEONIDAS



ACROSS

- 1 War planners try to avoid this church oddball (7,5)
- 10 Leaderless congregation on song in chamber (7)
- 11 Trinket from Ely on TV broadcast (7)
- 12 Dutch world German inhabited (5)
- 13 Girl east of capital briefly gets work (8)
- 15 Assassin maybe destroyed lair on time (10)
- 16 Flyer mailed, initially a single one returned (4)
- 18 Check what your cardiologist wants to hear (4)
- 20 One who's been down the aisle too often (10)
- 22 Mains gas supply coming together (8)
- 24 See you with something rolled in gold (5)
- 26 Remove bumps from transport to venue (4,3)
- 27 Number caged in staff shelter: a tiger's revenge? (7)
- 28 Strange Scottish books turn editor wild (12)

DOWN

- 2 Citizen is superior to King raised on island (7)
- 3 Small insect that is circling over drink (8)
- 4 Boorish lot's heartless boarish noises (4)
- 5 Elaborate lace put on a fruit (10)
- 6 Lithe juvenile crossing Channel verified (5)
- 7 Extremely peevish on stage, setter's full of cold? (7)
- 8 Prince mixes up crew on main royal vessel (6,7)
- 9 Nobleman entombed in rotten clay slab reportedly (2,3,8)
- 14 State of dirty items not being spun (10)
- 17 Shell various planes blockading empty hangar (8)
- 19 Beverage doubly acceptable in castle (7)
- 21 Rest of fleet is regularly taken out, of course (7)
- 23 Endure mostly being interrupted by old Greek (5)
- 25 Governor finally spoke on Russian station (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,825

