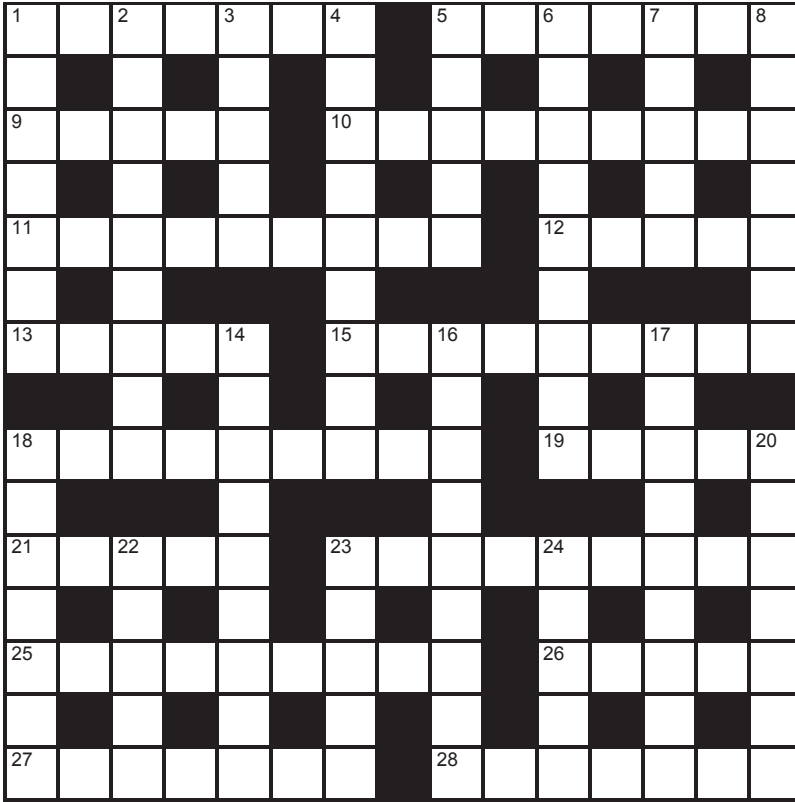


CROSSWORD

No 16,842 Set by NEO



ACROSS

- 1 Götterdämmerung literally a blessing? (7)
- 5 Pass round an enclosure for animal fights in temple (7)
- 9 Crime stealing pence from clergyman (5)
- 10 Rookie good and fresh here on service (9)
- 11 Church worker mostly succinct in Devil's clutches (9)
- 12 Laughing scavenger had endless desire to feed (5)
- 13 Glass shattered in vertiginous building (5)
- 15 Row about Finnish wheeled vehicle (9)
- 18 Chinese outfit setting aside the rent? (9)
- 19 Leader among acrobats exits festival compound (5)
- 21 Alumnus represented at centre having much to lose? (5)
- 23 Graduate embracing single feature in fine porcelain (4,5)
- 25 Works Wagner wrote occasion bold action (7-2)
- 26 Stop at sea initially alerted by Titanic (5)
- 27 Royal attendants bemoan banking eastern money (7)
- 28 Rubens composition including adult animal (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Gallon brought to girls: drink from these (7)
- 2 Seer acted wrongly to abuse sacred object (9)
- 3 Lassitude seen in pupil occasionally (5)
- 4 Understand some Europeans banning a new drug (9)
- 5 Quite attentive to personal hygiene (5)
- 6 Penny to talk passionately about old apartment (9)
- 7 Time line an expression used figuratively (5)
- 8 Eagle in whirling descent (7)
- 14 Short book by northern drunk elevated wine variety (9)
- 16 Major's second American staying over (9)
- 17 Complex in California, dull outside (9)
- 18 Soup's food dreary here and there (7)
- 20 Nuclear power source unstable at core on river (7)
- 22 No starter for Ruth, one with liking for fish (5)
- 23 Mistake forgetting name: one may have blown it (5)
- 24 Sequence in which American stops punch (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,841

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