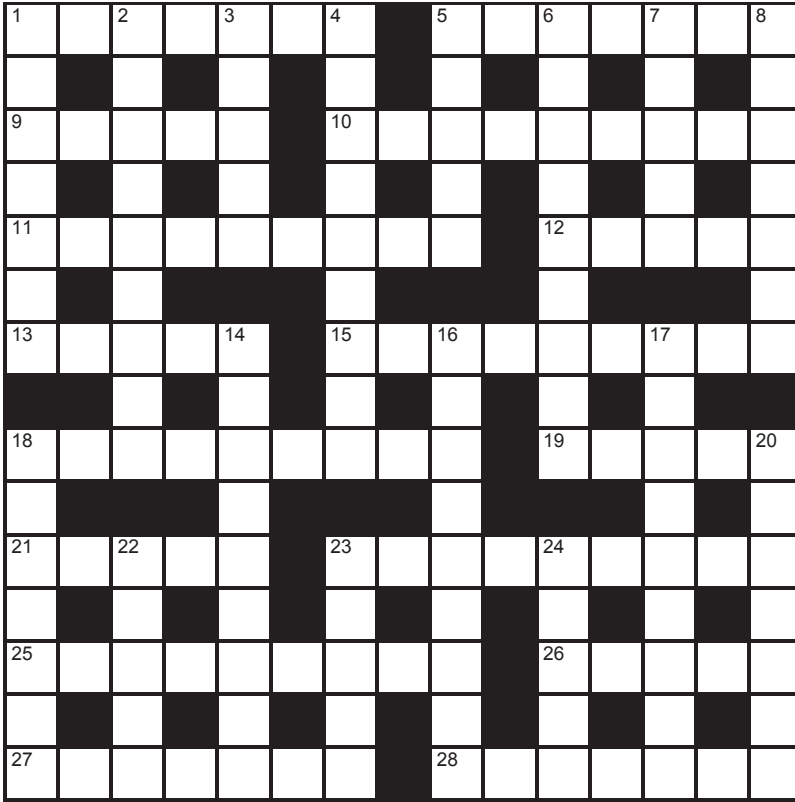


CROSSWORD

No 16,854 Set by AARDVARK



ACROSS

- 1 One learned from the Sun about celebrity hearsay primarily (7)
- 5 Soup 'eated, temperature controlled by attendant (7)
- 9 Satisfied with fellow high-flyer (5)
- 10 Cooked meat Sue emptied into container on weekday (9)
- 11 Supplies endless adhesive to cover crack (9)
- 12 Delete some lines a reporter retracted (5)
- 13 Work hard with cut finger, note (3,2)
- 15 Ball, popular vocalist, gaining weight (9)
- 18 New teacher and student embracing women's revolutionary movement (9)
- 19 Cat knocked back one made by Mr Kipling? It's a recurring theme (5)
- 21 Porter perhaps carrying very soft fruit (5)
- 23 As normal, pilot when outside shed safety gear (9)
- 25 One blowing whistle that ends football game alas berates such a pitch? (9)
- 26 Did some gardening in the nude (initially roasting for November) (5)
- 27 Upsetting to involve doctor with the old dog (7)
- 28 Unscrupulous type reserved vacant seat with little hesitation (7)

DOWN

- 1 Follow broadcast around university colleges (7)
- 2 German course? (9)
- 3 Stop the Alsatian approaching sheep (3,2)
- 4 On escape around unknown island, Victor needs a particular case (9)
- 5 Minor hit screening in colour (5)
- 6 Small bone mirror in Ritz adjusted by posh maiden (9)
- 7 Occasionally Matty, Stefan and Jack found here? (2,3)
- 8 Perhaps shades of European tree attracting attention (7)
- 14 Home of Newark's latest cheese producer? (3,6)
- 16 Complaint from family member after dancing closer (9)
- 17 Jazz-playing style good? According to German male: out of this world (9)
- 18 Leaves to gather seaweed for fuel (4,3)
- 20 Motor racing by oldster leading to slip possibly (7)
- 22 Religious song Saint's taken in hand, partly (5)
- 23 Beg with quiet restraint (5)
- 24 Old-fashioned seamen, with modest exterior (5)

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