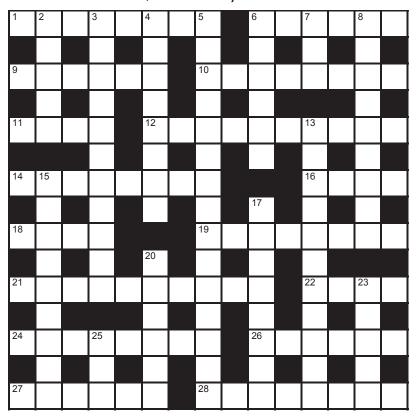
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No 16,890 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,889



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- 1 Despicable women gagged (8)
- 6 Iced drink female, Missy Elliott, say,
- endlessly required (6)

 9 Warns suspect in possession of
 Ecstasy for a quick fix? (6)
- 10 Page with two articles on Roman temple (8)11 Endless courage may result in try
- 12 Bad-tempered type to go over plot
- **14** Daily, one's mother makes personal appeal (8)
- **16** Duo's quiet tune (4)
- **18** Surrounded by papers after American married (4)
- 19 Unsuitable, if I'm right (8)21 Place of worship excited a celebrant
- (10)
 22 Widespread fire put out (4)
 24 Messenger saving time for royal
- attendant (8) **26** One after the other having an
- argument (2,1,3)

 27 The French behind want to wind up
 (6)
- 28 Son having to kneel shuffling set of bones (8)

 DOWN
 - 2 Intense anger surrounding new
 - series (5)

 3 Wrote about game, a fixture
 - between two London boroughs (5,6)
 4 Coins and banknotes in strong bag brought over here, initially (4,4)
 5 All those in London embassies, say,
 - (10,5) **6** Perfect surface texture (6)
 - **7** Wood, when hard (3)
- 8 In favour of writer exposing outlaw
 (9)

do cramp politics, unfortunately

- **13** Suitable lift (11)
- **15** Film a large individual below apartment? (4,5)
- 17 Father rises with very little desire to eat (8)
- 20 Number collecting wood for burning (2,4)23 Stick carried by fine old hobbit (5)
- 25 Visually embarrassed about daughter (3)