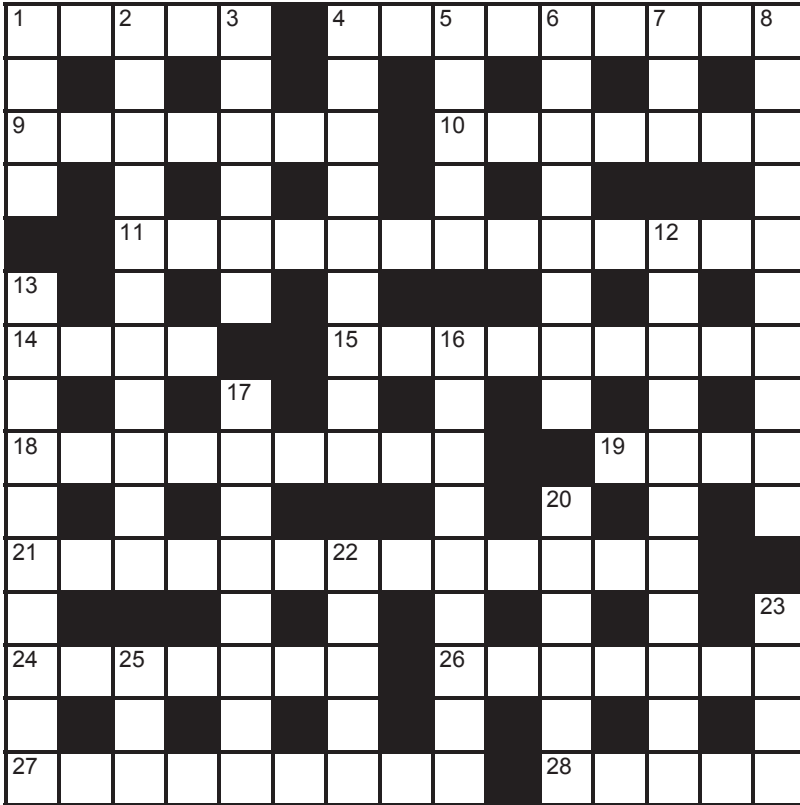


CROSSWORD

No 16,898 Set by MOO



ACROSS

- 1 Diarist has a furtive look, they say (5)
- 4 Billie occasionally visiting dealer in Bloomsbury perhaps (9)
- 9 Previously more like a man of noble birth (7)
- 10 Old boys harbouring desire for figures such as these? (7)
- 11 A busy place? (6,7)
- 14 Pretentious Penny booted out by Tories for one (4)
- 15 A Parisian off his head – or in perfect shape? (9)
- 18 Meddle in current rent-free arrangement (9)
- 19 Press knocking back the brandy (4)
- 21 Down with the same bug as Polly? (4,2,6)
- 24 Estates controlled most of the game (7)
- 26 Followers of Her Majesty holding couple back (7)
- 27 River pasture he cultivated (9)
- 28 I believe in Latin, as almost all the boys do (5)

DOWN

- 1 Look! There's a mouse by piano! (4)
- 2 Vagabond's precipitate movement (11)
- 3 Guard started to cross lake (6)
- 4 Ready to drop? This might help (9)
- 5 Where one on drugs might go for kicks? (5)
- 6 Reporter's local group conspiring (2,6)
- 7 Dynasty's influence failing in the end (3)
- 8 In some homes it's a problem of course (6,4)
- 12 Incinerate husband perhaps? He's got it coming! (11)
- 13 Exotic pastries I originally enjoyed here (10)
- 16 Reference work ambassador's placed in house (9)
- 17 Child's hero under pressure to become a man of God (8)
- 20 Lorry carrying Charlie's very cold (6)
- 22 Attraction of girl from the south (5)
- 23 Leading man a little lecherous (4)
- 25 Tip vessel over (3)

JOTTER PAD

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