

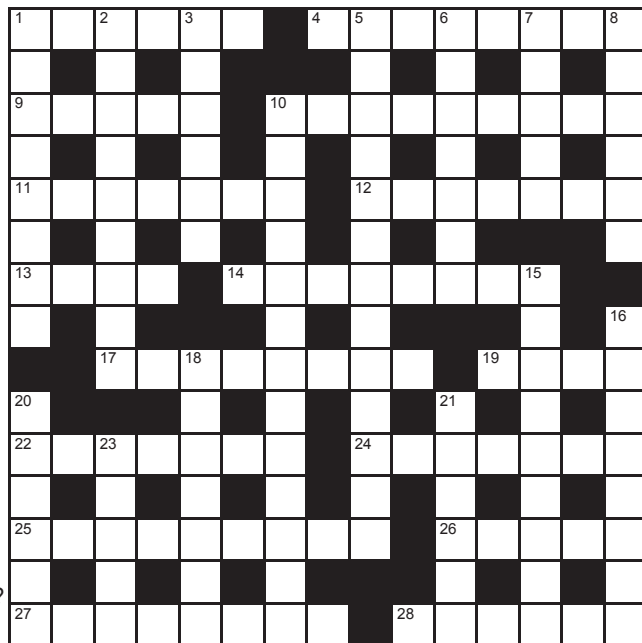
# Crossword 16,900 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1** Troublesome child in quandary? (6)  
**4** 12 record finished (8)  
**9** Old Scot keeping Leader of Opposition in loop (5)  
**10** Exhausted, do in left-back after match (3,2,4)  
**11** Unlawful act: criminal nearly accepting consequences, initially (7)  
**12** Make new serial, last of three (7)  
**13** In leaving superpower, head for Djibouti, African country (4)  
**14** Soldiers in test rescuing lover (8)  
**17** Cold heart, obscene (8)  
**19** Ship involved in exercise, I say! (4)  
**22** One in better state, newsworthy (7)  
**24** Lay a carpet on surfaces in every utility room (7)  
**25** Present doctrine circulated around university (9)  
**26** Ultimately, bush on border? (5)  
**27** Honour my word! (8)  
**28** Drawer that follows line, drawn back (6)

## DOWN

- 1** People put delicate fabric underneath uniform (8)  
**2** Male swimmer – creature doing the crawl? (9)  
**3** Refuse family (6)  
**5** Union between races that is inspiring migrant, rare surprisingly (13)  
**6** For example, water bird circling land, briefly (7)  
**7** Credentials minister backed up for Italian behind bars? (5)  
**8** Weapon good to stab back when raised (6)  
**10** Doing well, pass claimed by us – passing with those? (6,7)  
**15** Old song in recent memory? (9)  
**16** Fish not gutted, grouse cooked (8)  
**18** Wheels turning, business working for American native (7)  
**20** Saint with halo in series (6)  
**21** Slightly sooner (6)  
**23** Terrace: second in road I touch up (5)



Solution 16,899

Solution 16,888

