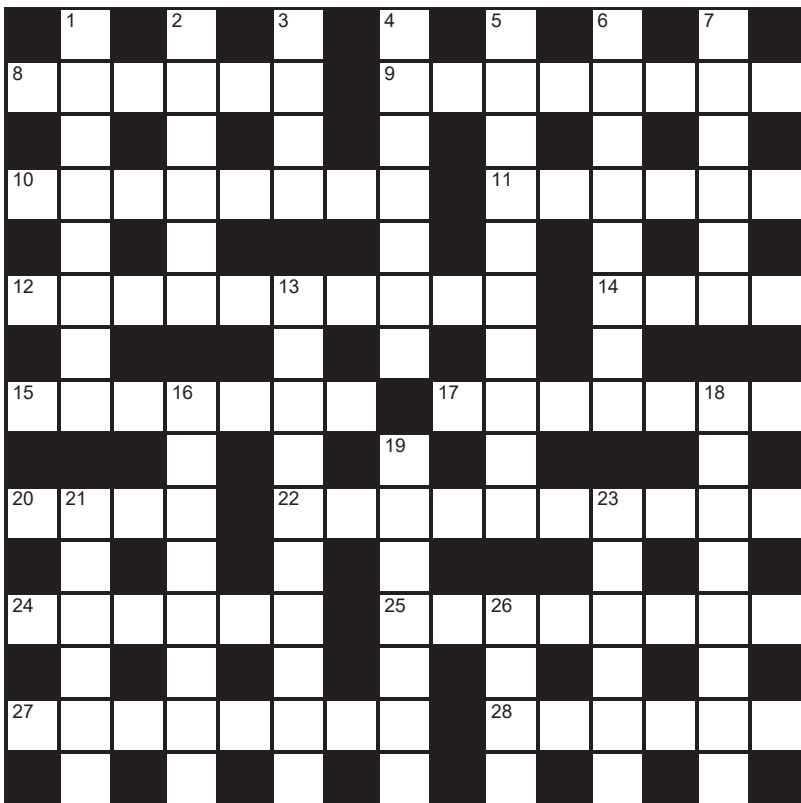


CROSSWORD

No 16,927 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 8** Jack by bar emptied expensive spirit (6)
9 Dog's odds initially double (8)
10 Speculator caught out in corporate manoeuvring (8)
11 Show attitude after English vote (6)
12 Marshal hoping to break strikes – the best bits? (4,6)
14 Fuel dumped in Calder Valley (4)
15 Speed unit stopping still – on tail of Hillman Minx? (7)
17 Unopened drinks players returned – genius! (7)
20 Extremely negative answer left for driver (4)
22 Accumulating starch, say? (10)
24 One for carrying over broadcast (3-3)
25 Maybe Polly's home time changed after ditching HND (8)
27 Half checks out ship's comfy chair (8)
28 Mallet for crushing river stones (6)

DOWN

- 1** Reduce in complexity provided that small hint is circulated (8)
2 Rarely graft in European ranch when drunk (6)
3 Pulled out permit to circumvent fine (4)
4 Good way to enclose air on this? (1-6)
5 Bird's fresh meat cut (10)
6 Wearing suit to a greater extent (2,6)
7 Spring in Guernsey's awful when sun about to disappear (6)
13 Public cutting possible outcome of HMRC estimate? (10)
16 Almost directly opposed horse entering curved track? (8)
18 Renounces a female visitor for undressing (8)
19 Briefly grumble about one former duchy (7)
21 Learn about collecting silver – large \$10 coins (6)
23 Pick up this marble for a quid (6)
26 A little cottage garden promoted in Vogue (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,926

