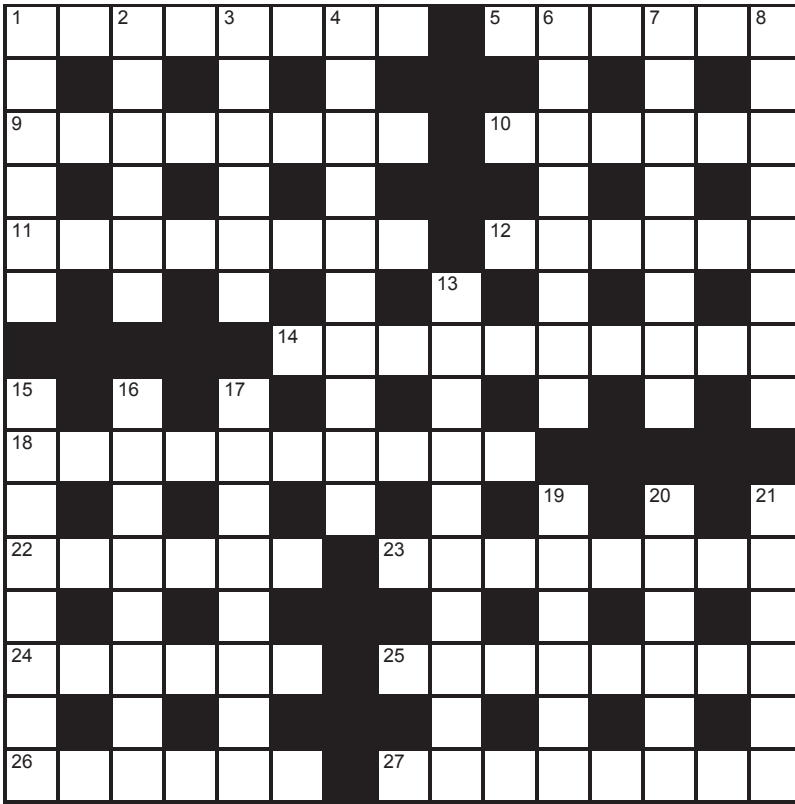


CROSSWORD

No 16,998 Set by ALBERICH



ACROSS

- 1 Criminal can't hope for a memorial (8)
- 5 Composer is candid about opening of concerto (6)
- 9 Without a rest, one jogs? (8)
- 10 Scottish politician, first character to do one's nut! (6)
- 11 In short, artist gets very cross (8)
- 12 A fellow in custody finds water-bottle (6)
- 14 Quit after one collecting rent abused position regularly (10)
- 18 At first, ditching coke truly could give you this? (4,6)
- 22 Loosely suggest following end of trail (6)
- 23 Steep price of club? (8)
- 24 Islander's not backing horse, after reflection (6)
- 25 Common criminal first is remorseful (8)
- 26 Ferret's going around small hen houses (6)
- 27 My shop is renovated with extremely nifty work (8)

DOWN

- 1 Clergyman from university tucked into banger (6)
- 2 Insensitive cheers upset Australian native (6)
- 3 Offer easily impressed carer (6)
- 4 Sally brewed ales in food store (10)
- 6 Engineers responsible for sound (8)
- 7 Drone on at all nurses concerned with baby care (8)
- 8 Largely eager to conceal greed, cooked rice dish (8)
- 13 Conservative Party leader to appear up front? That's enlightening (10)
- 15 College dons added to rising eminence for artist (8)
- 16 Partner sergeant for one dance (8)
- 17 Stout? Begin eating low-fat regularly (8)
- 19 Enclosure ram's held in (4-2)
- 20 Maybe Al Capone briefly contrived to acquire one (6)
- 21 I'm showing you why we're told it's unorthodox (6)

JOTTER PAD

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