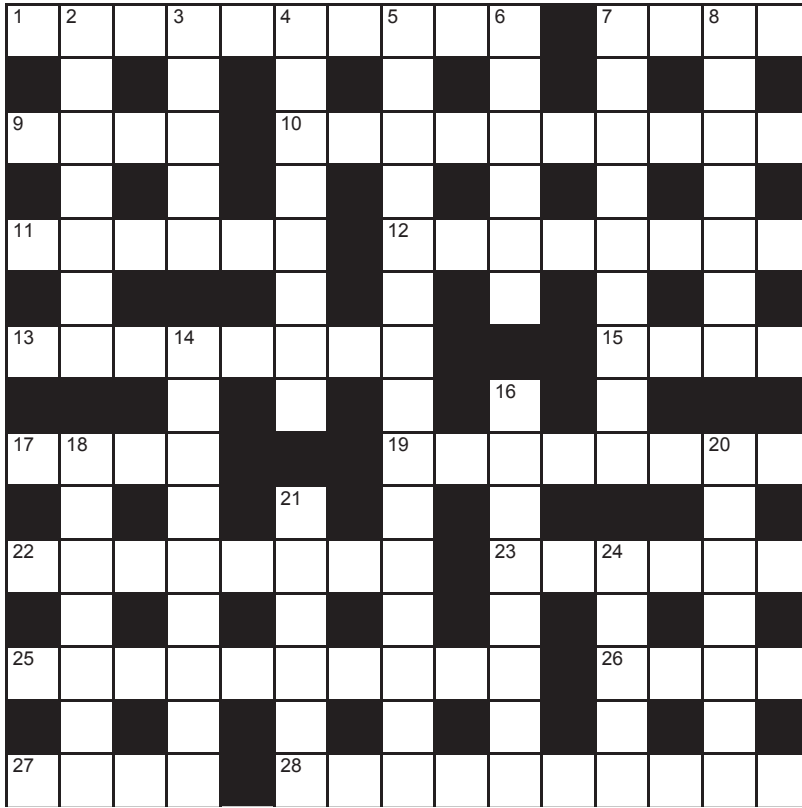


CROSSWORD

No 17,037 Set by GURNEY



ACROSS

- 1 Love Nablus, exotic, mysterious, unlike this puzzle, one hopes! (10)
- 7 Fish limit getting around resistance (4)
- 9 Just starting, find useful Japanese index showing mountain name (4)
- 10 Cunning, pen in unusual entries (10)
- 11 Something wrong with a peninsula (6)
- 12 Legacy perhaps of dictator's attitude to come into view (8)
- 13 Vessels, modified, foil all threats initially (8)
- 15 Joke about northern group (4)
- 17 Willing to consider musical work, European, on periphery (4)
- 19 Attribute of required standard, extremely trusty (8)
- 22 Antagonise a learner – that is needless primarily, battle regularly lost (8)
- 23 Perhaps Mercury's scheme, out of this world? (6)
- 25 Van meal bit off? Maybe yes, maybe no (10)
- 26 Comfort from herbal medicine (4)
- 27 Wizard entertaining millions – a high point (4)
- 28 Compete, given award we're told for initiative (10)

DOWN

- 2 New country group, based on test ignoring India, seen as indifferent (7)
- 3 Dislike arising from leader leaving speaking platform (5)
- 4 In a picture, six upset America and supporter (8)
- 5 Annual transfer of allotted space, we hear – Doris maybe kind of tense (8,7)
- 6 Feature writer, outspoken, supported by Liberal papers (6)
- 7 Go at a clue in different way – making a list (9)
- 8 Neglected animal track – sad (3-4)
- 14 Strange generation, losing love for fruit (9)
- 16 Device, electronic say, provides regular traveller with parking for month (8)
- 18 European note Conservative finds controversial (7)
- 20 Have an impact, about right – one's garden feature (7)
- 21 Pledge to include artist's style of music (6)
- 24 A doctor with little hesitation identifying warning colour (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,036

