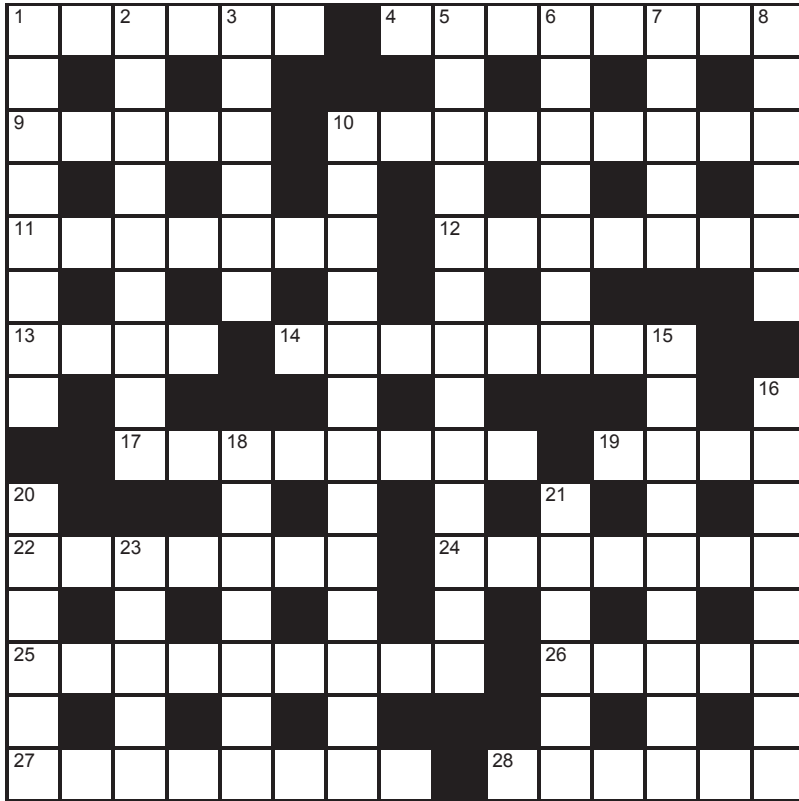


CROSSWORD

No 17,049 Set by MUDD



ACROSS

- 1 The cab on circuitous route certainly can! (6)
- 4 Glass ship (8)
- 9 Stroke head of cat and sensitive tail of mongrel (5)
- 10 Drink ale with bather at sea (6,3)
- 11 Drink umpteen cans for starters during dance (7)
- 12 Soldier eats fruit for sustenance (7)
- 13 See something on palm? (4)
- 14 Sad not working, actors (8)
- 17 Fast bowler going after Surrey's opener, he certainly needs a helmet! (8)
- 19 Initially create image as others see you! (4)
- 22 Seduce first of chaperones in escort (7)
- 24 Top found in drink, spit it out! (5,2)
- 25 Eurocrat upset about new speaker (9)
- 26 Blot isn't seen after a little time (5)
- 27 A gun found in register creating unnecessary panic (8)
- 28 Actor's last, age-related part (6)

DOWN

- 1 Second plane on which one's seated (8)
- 2 Group in the morning met up to welcome a bunch of allies (9)
- 3 He produced buzz around priest (6)
- 5 Starter, fresh raita ending in Indian curries (7-6)
- 6 An oar I broke catching crabs, originally – blow it! (7)
- 7 Egg on fertiliser (5)
- 8 Finally, popular singer crossing one European bridge (6)
- 10 Flipping besotted? (4,4,5)
- 15 Flash like a star? (9)
- 16 Tablet, perhaps, to cure PM failing (8)
- 18 Boy ending in uniform, literarily opposite? (7)
- 20 Peninsula in Brazil, essentially Rio, is astonishing first of all (6)
- 21 Something to do with egg? Get out of here! (4,2)
- 23 Magic cane, did you say? (5)

JOTTER PAD

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