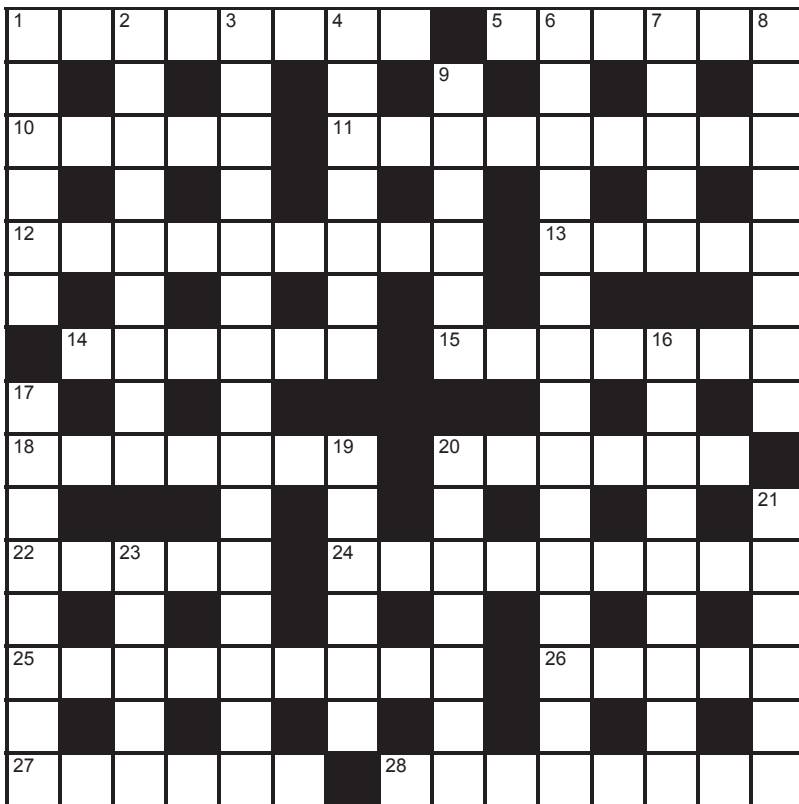


# CROSSWORD

No 17,138 Set by FALCON



## ACROSS

- 1 Undertaken as a final recourse?  
Most unlikely, as described by GP (4-4)
- 5 Newspaper chief travelled back to cover it (6)
- 10 Box close to stage not required, (5)
- 11 Cheerful, members finding Juke's performing dog (9)
- 12 Total published, also revealed (3-3-3)
- 13 Mad discarding spades? Senseless (5)
- 14 Bay – a large bay (6)
- 15 Show former husband one piece (7)
- 18 Constable I included as very good painter (7)
- 20 Second edition – short run (6)
- 22 Flavour includes whiskey, in a manner of speaking (5)
- 24 Famous person and judge paint the town red (9)
- 25, 8 It has restrictions, unfortunately, for a poet (9,8)
- 26 Couple ultimately bound to run away together (5)
- 27 Meagre sum initially held in reserve (6)
- 28 In excellent health, I agree (4,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Fewer working class (6)
- 2 Wise guy reformed rascal met (5,4)
- 3 Guess one agrees, loosely, about hydrogen and what causes global warming? (10,5)
- 4 Person of importance quick to receive me on base (7)
- 6 What the window tax might have been seen as? A rip-off (8,7)
- 7 Article on team's leader, a Greek character (5)
- 8 See 25
- 9 Feel acute embarrassment?  
Summons ambassador (6)
- 16 In abundance after prohibition in Indian city (9)
- 17 Stays after winning move (2,6)
- 19 Bloomer old Roman Catholic concealed (6)
- 20 Rescue brute, grabbing end of tail (7)
- 21 Live it up, taking in a show (6)
- 23 Main artery forming part of that road going north (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,137

