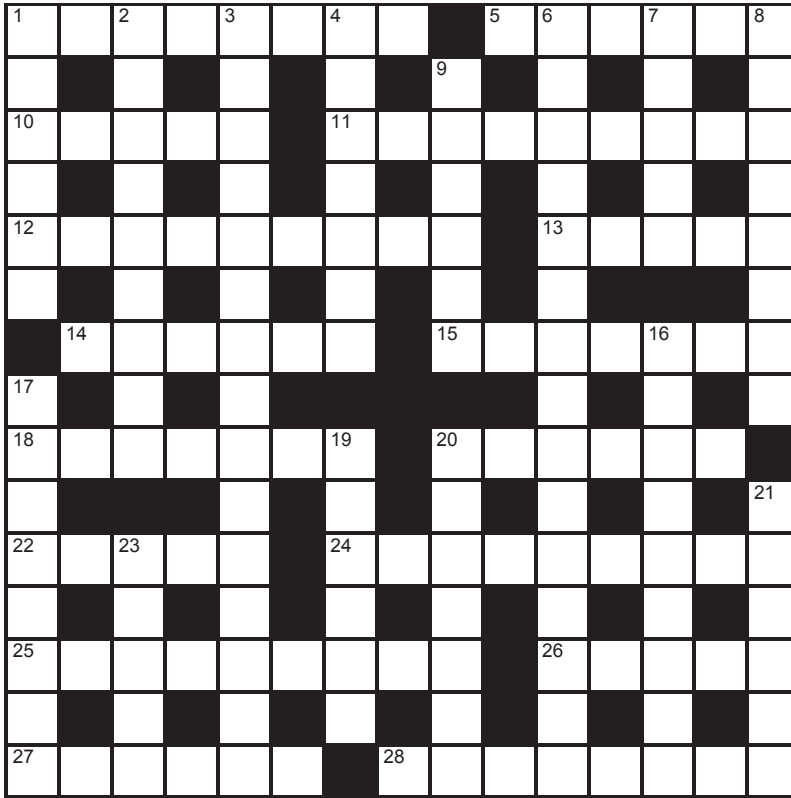


# CROSSWORD

No 17,194 Set by MOO



## ACROSS

- 1 Message saying Mrs Simpson allowed to return (8)
- 5 Degenerate runs off, finding way out (6)
- 10 Criticise a society in decline (5)
- 11 Mysterious giant mice all over the place (9)
- 12 Quickly recovered from affair with nobleman, you say? (9)
- 13 Israelis occasionally leading one a dance (5)
- 14 Layabout actor entertaining guards (6)
- 15 Idiot in a helmet? (7)
- 18 R for Rufus? (7)
- 20 Raged wildly, caught in *flagrante delicto* (6)
- 22 Cockney injured carrying a gun? (5)
- 24 Doctor I consult about male agony aunt? (9)
- 25 Moo's niece struggling to cut costs (9)
- 26 Teach gunmen to grab cash? The opposite (5)
- 27 Hard of hearing? (6)
- 28 Get rid of scrounger nicking the rum (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Blunder by scientist ultimately creating a monster (6)
- 2 Property deal he almost lost somehow (9)
- 3 Work hard – have a little snooze? (3,4,4,4)
- 4 State imprisoning English vigilante (7)
- 6 Is it all over for Emma Raducanu? (4,3,3,5)
- 7 Praise partner once confronting reactionary group (5)
- 8 Thus judges must confine Tory thinker (8)
- 9 Top hotel in Paris? (6)
- 16 This coffee has surprisingly nice aroma (9)
- 17 American woman in Nice is generous in the extreme (8)
- 19 Fraud? English drawn to it at end of year (6)
- 20 A little quarrel I eventually break up (7)
- 21 Agreed to snort cocaine together (2,4)
- 23 Irritable setter encountering delay on vacation (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,193

