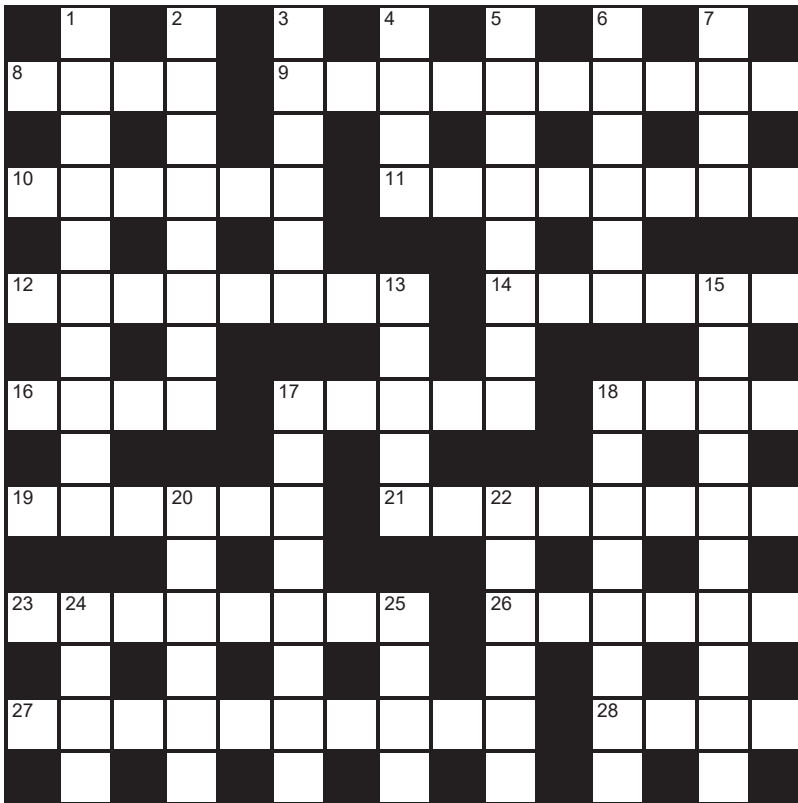


CROSSWORD

No 17,204 Set by STEERPIKE



ACROSS

- 8 Appetite returns in middle of jiu-jitsu lesson (4)
- 9 Turns out partner is worried about society (10)
- 10 Arab members of militia ignoring old instructor, initially (6)
- 11 Warning about ringing university hospital is rot (8)
- 12 River estuaries separated by grand locks (8)
- 14 Sculpture of extremely beautiful charging horse (6)
- 16 Barbarian swine retreating across central plateau (4)
- 17 Tree evolves hollow shoots (5)
- 18 That woman's written about a judge (4)
- 19 More convinced by upper-class extortionist (6)
- 21 Note put pressure on teacher (8)
- 23 Cut power after city church is besieged by angry mob (4,4)
- 26 A state government department takes on women arbitrarily (6)
- 27 Blessed types rejecting first electronic implants (10)
- 28 Born and died in penury (4)

DOWN

- 1 Journalists ride bus to abandoned capital of Sumer (10)
- 2 Might run into nasty gents on outskirts of Teignmouth (8)
- 3 Unrest starts to spread to common (6)
- 4 Everyone is depressed by *Bachelor Party* (4)
- 5 Joint paper on British novelist making waves (8)
- 6 Large island where Latin quarter essentially provides alcohol (6)
- 7 Picking up standard membership fees for religious group (4)
- 13 Melee of lowlifes surrounding queen (5)
- 15 Attractive objects oldest son scattered around area (10)
- 17 Feature supporting European summit (8)
- 18 Racing suspended around deserted runway in Rhode Island (8)
- 20 Polish that is put on small stones (6)
- 22 Infrequent fights over drug (6)
- 24 Ace airmen circling at a distance (4)
- 25 Target of utter devotion, reportedly (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,203

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