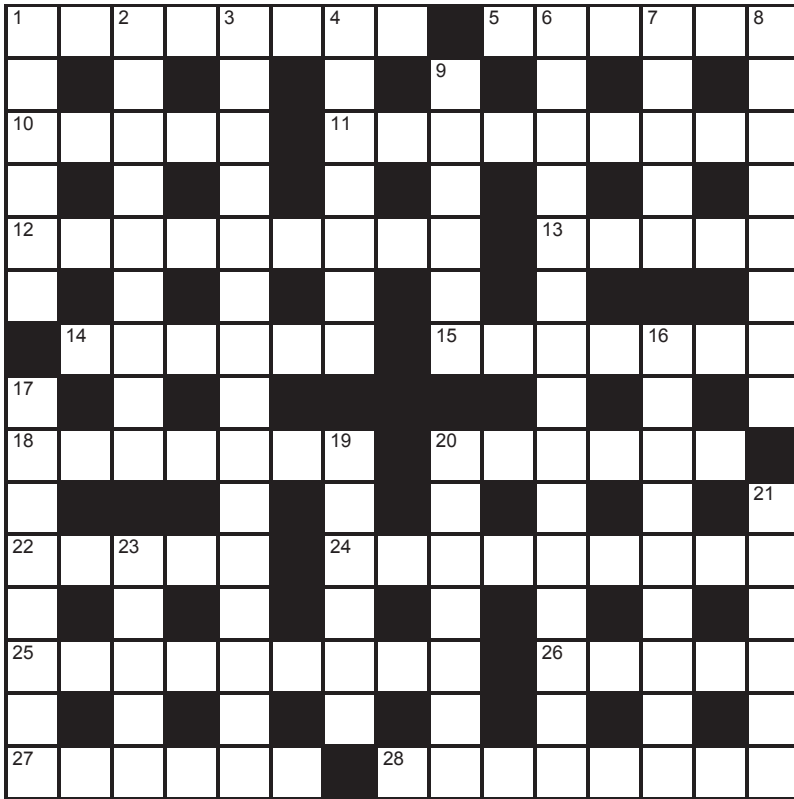


CROSSWORD

No 17,231 Set by ARTEXLEN



ACROSS

- 1 Mother returned home with tuck of various kinds (8)
- 5 Westbound Tolkien characters, two lines move on screen (6)
- 10 Ignoring leader, artful crank (5)
- 11 Such that ground may get after entry of whole (4-5)
- 12 VIP putting golf with fool in appointment book (9)
- 13 Country in plan to drop metric unit of mass . . . (5)
- 14 . . . imperial measure of mass rocks (6)
- 15 Take away tons carried around (7)
- 18 Husband drunk is more daring (7)
- 20 Robin, say, beside another without wings - that's bad luck (6)
- 22 Plants coil oddly around front (5)
- 24 Shabby condition of couple after rocky rides (9)
- 25 Buccaneers mate seizing scoundrel in charge on island (9)
- 26 Old part of building that's outstanding (5)
- 27 Vessel stripped bare with crack across base (6)
- 28 Calls to invest in good French causes (6,2)

DOWN

- 1 Complaint from youth interrupting former PM (6)
- 2 One directs new pilot about flying ultimately (9)
- 3 Encourage keeping control over little politician (7,8)
- 4 Hold-ups shake gentle types according to Spooner (3,4)
- 6 Demonstrate talent once emotion is settled on broadcast (4,4,4,3)
- 7 Extract from clown editor retained (5)
- 8 Former traps close to boundary used to cause devastation (3,5)
- 9 Remained speedy regularly crossing river (6)
- 16 Peculiarities of number beset by malaise at sea (9)
- 17 Elegant parrot eating soft seed (8)
- 19 Physician from foreign country dropping by for day (6)
- 20 That woman filled with desire bringing down large fraud (7)
- 21 Mounted US soldier among other ranks in base (6)
- 23 Learner leaving red mark on page (5)

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