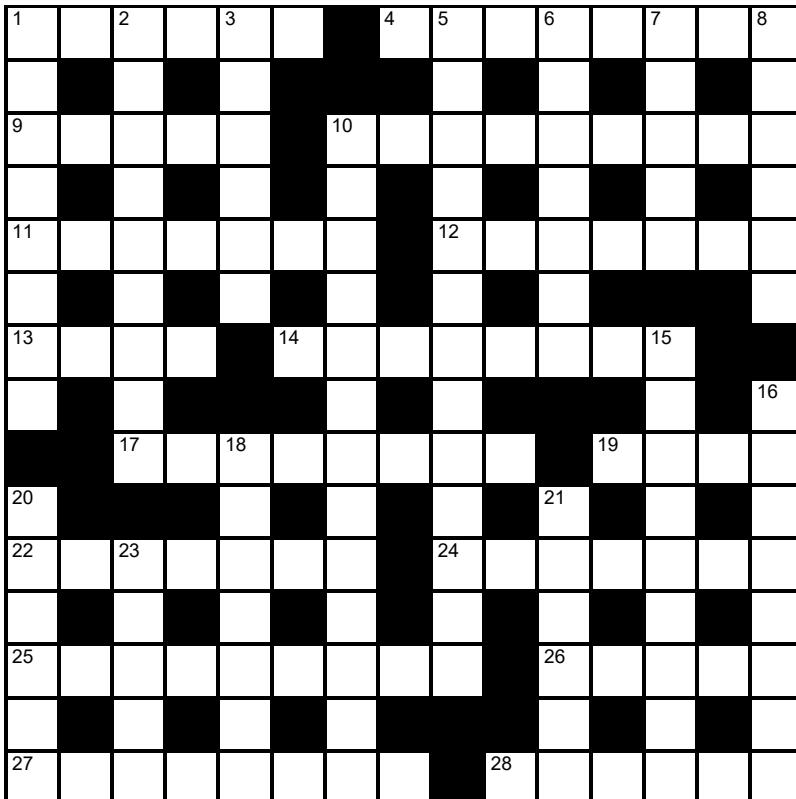


# CROSSWORD

No 17,397 Set by BASILISK



## ACROSS

- 1 Wander around China having taken year off? (6)
- 4 Predicament introduced by advertisement for outlet in Bath (8)
- 9/23 Temptation for woman to touch her partner's prominent male feature (5,5)
- 10 inhospitable place was last to support African natives (9)
- 11 Starting to develop North American track (7)
- 12 Legally binding summary of policeman's position? (2,5)
- 13 Nose largely destroyed with white powdery substance (4)
- 14 Genuinely gifted athlete is extremely committed (4-4)
- 17 Like article appearing in unbalanced newspaper's front-page piece (8)
- 19 Victor possibly starts to hold up game (4)
- 22 Fail to attend meeting with Nationalists about Unionists (5,2)
- 24 One gets upset in row to do with pride (7)
- 25 Blame account and notes for creditors keen to make a killing? (9)
- 26 Writer's flimsy material rejected (5)
- 27 Integer radius fixed circular region of plane? (4,4)
- 28 Gather profitable enterprise has lost leader for good (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Heartless panellist could be seen as most unfair? (8)
- 2 Partners in favour of boarding public transport to commute (9)
- 3 Objective to limit fat mostly succeeded (6)
- 5 Aimless rebel's stirring tale of revolution (3,10)
- 6 Happy, uplifting experience wearing drag (7)
- 7 Series hosted by millionaire is being broadcast (2,3)
- 8 Journalist stops working for revolutionary movements (6)
- 10 Book makes weaker cases with it (9,4)
- 15 Game used in version of book learning (9)
- 16 One wanting to have trees cultivated? (8)
- 18 I scared nervous passenger travelling here (7)
- 20 Liveliness of mischievous individual with heightened energy (6)
- 21 Old, old book about source of Jesus's wine? (6)
- 23 See 9 Across

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,396



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