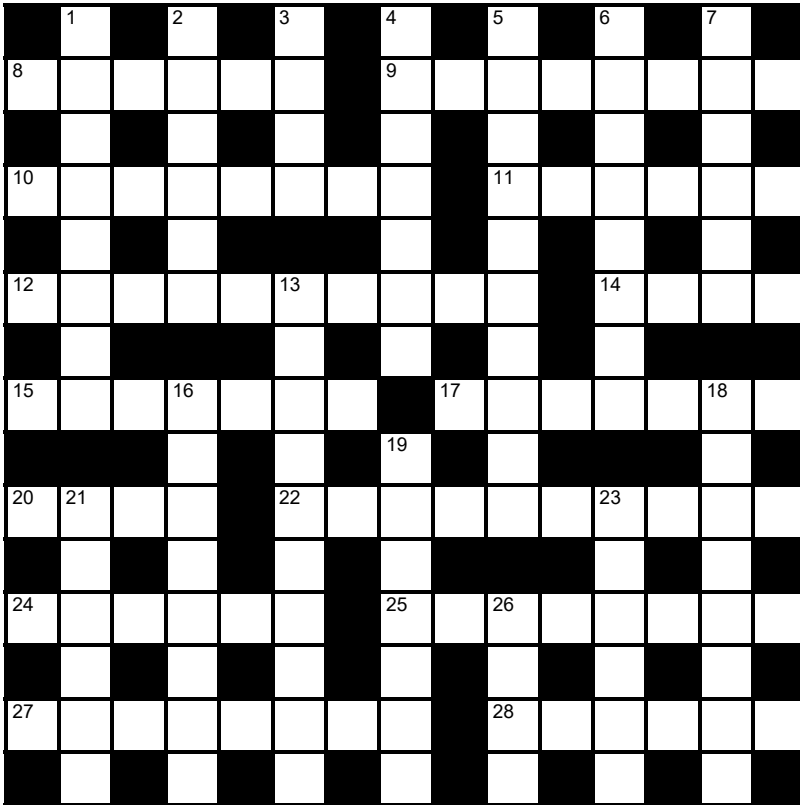


# CROSSWORD

No 17,404 Set by MONK



## ACROSS

- 8 Quit probing dog from behind: setter has (4,2)  
 9 Embellish when presenting charge returned on deliveries (8)  
 10 Polish end of ferrule on bent cane (8)  
 11 Vehicle number hidden by crap (3-3)  
 12 Gossip's cryptic allusion to REM song? (10)  
 14 Reportedly sterilise river (4)  
 15 Grumpy old lady keeps centrepiece of pastoral produce for show (4,3)  
 17 Old country name banished in calligraphy prior to Reformation? (7)  
 20 Flamboyance overwhelms essayist and critic (4)  
 22 Reportedly informed on royal plans (10)  
 24 Odd couples expelled in shenanigan mark mystery (6)  
 25 Always in sack by end of large drink (8)  
 27 In stream, announced *Fawlty Towers* (8)  
 28 Judge apprehended yo-yo (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Plover in shot game on roll of grass? (8)  
 2 One leaving wardens blowing out trick candles (6)  
 3 Frank to pop the question at last (4)  
 4 Angular shape of e.g. French nose only intermittently brought up (7)  
 5 Veto vacuous church seniors, shifting pressure (10)  
 6 You and I sold out in reprehensible fashion (8)  
 7 Rowing over river, stopping a while? (6)  
 13 Rarely overshadows tramp interrupting awful boaster (10)  
 16 Vehicle boot damaged, horse finally denting back (8)  
 18 Entire triangle requires reconstruction (8)  
 19 Refuse massage twice offered by hotel (7)  
 21 Adult's loose relative (6)  
 23 Former PM scrapping borders in republic (6)  
 26 Son enters by way of permit (4)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,403

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