CROSSWORD

No 17,410 Set by STEERPIKE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	ACROSS
								1 Poet is artfully employing extremely elemental variations? (8)
9				10				6 Artist nursing sickly daughter in
								country (6) 9 Taunt sicario about defending bigot (
								10 Picture of Geneva is distorted (8)
11			12			13		11 Investigator admits felon essentially
								scarpered (4)
								12 Lauding union is initially tolerated
14	15					16		within reason (10)
	"					. •		14 Ritual fulfilled by priest taking bishop arm, say (8)
					17			16 Run into writer returning copy (4)
								18 Ace aviators circling in the distance (4
18				19				19 An attorney hounding a prisoner is
			20					cold-blooded type (8)
			20					21 One by one, say, chaps finally left
21						22	23	detention (10)
- '							20	22 Starts to order raw brains and sheep's
								eyeballs (4)
								24 Phone line getting twisted around mi is common complaint (8)
24		25			26			26 Setter is crushed by pedantic brute (
								27 Tightens braces (6)
								28 It provides a relative advantage (8)
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- 2 Slight Samoan lilt regularly concealed (5)
- **3** Burns from grilling? (5-6)
- 4 Pitiful old news presenter has twitch (8)
- 5 Secretary sporting an umbrella's
- sheltering a retired clergyman (6,9) 6 Harry deserted Vanessa in middle of
- storm (6) 7 Topless young men providing
- promotional material (3) 8 Passed around distilled gin? Steerpike
- originally felt honoured! (9) 13 Student of humanity is cool about
- nothing having meaning (11) **15** Kill one in seven involved in campaign (9)
- 17 Desperate girl detailed conclusion of fight over 25 pence (4-4)
- 20 Party in Scotland's gatecrashed by two old busybodies (6)
- 23 Vessels 19's family filled with tea, say (5)
 - 25 Hoisted flag in wind (3)