

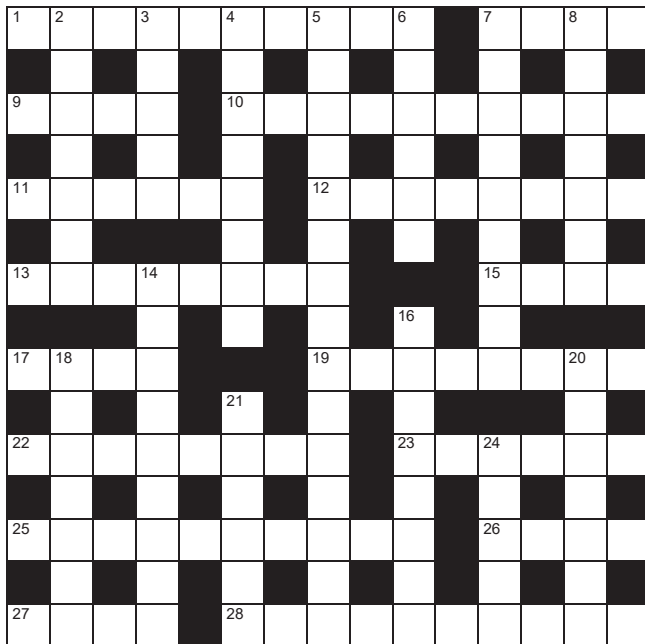
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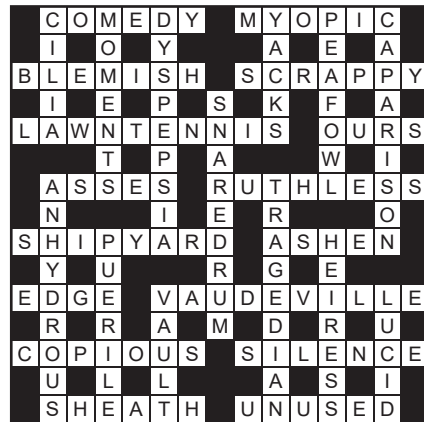
- 1** Thriller has Maigret regularly chasing priest with revolver (4-6)
7 Examines key agreement (4)
9 Courtyard at the back has trees (4)
10 Initially Mary Astor perhaps struggles to be included with screen legends (5,5)
11 Follow motorway slip heading off (6)
12 Engineers computers, indeed malfunctioning, tweaked once more (2-6)
13 This clue's next, comprising anagram of tree (8)
15 Not in favour of AI penning books (4)
17 Design with pronounced flaw (4)
19 Chief Engineer's to live among mobile rigs which float in cold seas (8)
22 Jack's good squeezing relative in and going for a spin (8)
23 Brother has adopted lounge jacket (6)
25 Shrewd diplomacy admitting nothing decisive (5,2,3)
26 Armistice for aggressive Russian leaders is a long way away (4)
27 Employer requires uniform, on contracts ending, to be returned (4)
28 Of the same opinion as journalist about intelligence (4-6)

DOWN

- 2** Sailor's fishy oils hard to get rid of (7)
3 Central characters in Daniel Deronda are more mature (5)
4 University degree received by blue-eyed boy's unaffordable to most people (2-6)
5 Demand support for running trendy evening, not unknown to be a non-stop mission (5-6,4)
6 Aagh! Wine brought round smelt disgusting (6)
7 Rescue old fraud briefly put away (9)
8 Keen to make way without drug (7)
14 Circuit's consuming a conservative half of carbon that's used in F1 (6,3)
16 Reproduced brave review of US college word for word (8)
18 Paltry amount of snacks (7)
20 Weapon's prepared — 'en garde!' (7)
21 Allow new girl, ignoring the odds, to mount beam (6)
24 Addiction support group's welcoming girl in one more time (5)



Solution 17,652



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