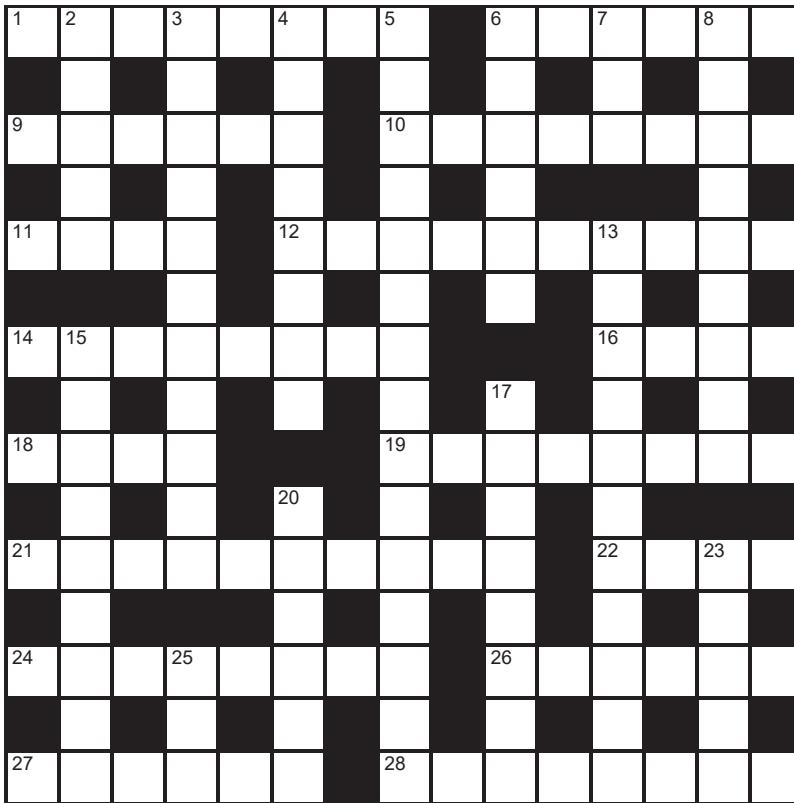
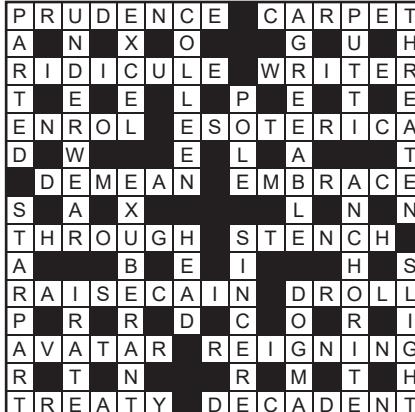


# CROSSWORD No 17,666 by MOO



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## ACROSS

- 1 English coppers backing policies covertly (8)
- 6 Plan military takeover, being given go-ahead (4,2)
- 9 Supremo's narcissism holding rescue back (6)
- 10 Might Boxing Day find spectators here? (8)
- 11 Encourage sending back first-class letter (4)
- 12 City building I beheld in need of some work (10)
- 14 Son a little like Uriah, making one embarrassed (8)
- 16 Plot maybe sees His Majesty appearing in *Casualty* (4)
- 18 In Paris I will host a foreign woman (4)
- 19 Europeans in charge — or Africans? (8)
- 21 Prickly plants love yours truly! (10)
- 22 Cockney's insurance providing an advantage (4)
- 24 Right amount of milk for a little chap? (4-4)
- 26 Celebration of Chinese origin perhaps ending too soon (6)
- 27 Fine to enjoy Delibes' unfinished composition (6)
- 28 Soldiers weakening, becoming quiet (8)

## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 2 Foolish romance ending thus? (5)
- 3 Doctor laments event almost leading to servitude (11)
- 4 Provide professorship for such a critic? (8)
- 5 One not mincing words, like Buffalo Bill perhaps (8,7)
- 6 Hard nut in resounding defeat (6)
- 7 Occasionally oppose surgical interventions (3)
- 8 Prepared for battle but sweating here maybe (5,4)
- 13 Problem of Arab entries resolved (5-6)
- 15 Sack a hideous male servant (9)
- 17 Supporter found by woman in American depression (8)
- 20 Fancy chucking teacher into river? (6)
- 23 Politician demanding information about empty residence (5)
- 25 Wonderful month after heart transplant (3)