# CROSSWORD No 17,683 by HAMILTON

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## Solution 17,681





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#### ACROSS

1 I'm exceedingly grateful...or am I? (6,1,3)7 See 9

**9/7** Freeloader on a road east of Gloucestershire town (8)

**10** Lacking authenticity, well odd, or to begin with, even peculiar (4,6)

**11** Get ready for visitors so put DIY off (4,2)

**12** Wandering, sound off with Gerry, blowing his top outside (8)

13 The folk here liken his craft to... (8)

15 ...the flair Icelanders show (4)

**17** Elementary children really understand primary colour (4)

19 Court detective and Mr Forester (8)

22 Bond girl's healthy green veg (8)

23 The *Enterprise* is let loose around fight(6)

**25** Finds out what sectarians are up to? (10)

26 Bowl over and over, that's crazy (4)

27 Man is inflexible, worker will be sacked(4)

**28** Helpless, malodorous, in need of water (4,3,3)

## DOWN

2 Where to call for Red Stripe? (7)

**3** Dead end? You don't say! (2,3)

**4** Ferreting around but posing no disruption (8)

**5** I'd liaise, wanting new helpers for 16 (6-2-7)

6 Cheap-looking marble is uninteresting(6)

7 Arabian football team fixers (9)

**8** Article on female explorer crossing river to reach country (7)

**14** Laugh uncontrollably about our baked potato topping (4,5)

**16** Tory woman of high birth (8)

**18** Wow! Editor chasing assistant — couldn't stop laughing (7)

**20** Few missed Fats Waller performance with big-name cast (3-4)

**21** Overshoot chamberpot partly from strong liquor (6)

**24** Heresy, no doubt, plays part of its remit (5)