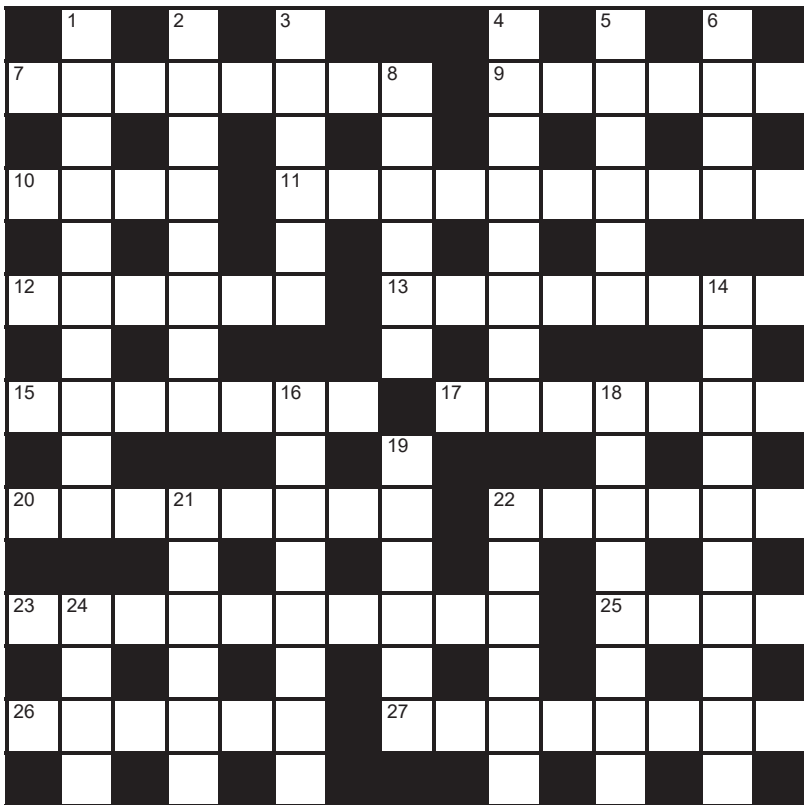


# CROSSWORD No 17,704 by MONK



## ACROSS

- 7 Dotty, Sue, Meg and Mo like diamonds etc. (8)
- 9 Slow publicity linked to currency-exchange fee (6)
- 10 Lawyer drops fine soft cheese (4)
- 11 Simplistically conveys extraordinary DIY finesse (10)
- 12 Formerly burning unopened station one enters (6)
- 13 *Metropolis* director left with gold following sport (8)
- 15 End of idle chat about going on baby carrier (4,3)
- 17 Old coin press nicked with difficulty (7)
- 20 Oblivious state of retreating sibling on extremely pricey heroin (8)
- 22 Notice brand on both sides of rawhide (6)
- 23 National Theatre's last *Judas* regularly engaging Charlie Gray, say (10)
- 25 Smuggled boxes round bay (4)
- 26 Become confused by wife's clumsy gait? (6)
- 27 Excessive current consumes last Italian electrical engineer (8)

Solution 17,703



## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 1 Stiff examination (10)
- 2 Fool in stream scratching backside in 1609m or so (8)
- 3 Worn-out small honey bears stop! (4,2)
- 4 Composer turned on after pub (8)
- 5 Stick with sadness, maybe losing face (6)
- 6 Bog roll initially held in air when wiping bottom (4)
- 8 Juvenile's escort holds up plant (6)
- 14 Hunted rare bats in cave, perhaps (10)
- 16 Vulture loves odd bits of Graham on the rocks (8)
- 18 River mostly divides lush county (8)
- 19 English superficially read old northern language (6)
- 21 Tarantula in hand usually bites (6)
- 22 Managed senior police officers, gaining rank (6)
- 24 Pick up food for so long (4)



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