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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Opposition from Frenchman one intends to marry (8)
- **5** A writer capturing painter's language (6)
- 10 Purity of gold providing an inducement, might one say? (5)
- 11 Unhappy Days the memoir of a setter? (1,4,4)
- 12 Scandalmonger's friend concealing old boat capsizing (9)
- **13** As a joke, starts to flaunt underwear in boozer (2.3) 14 A sign of global warming? That's
- balonev (3.3) 15 Academic haunted by endless longing
- in prison cell (7) **18** This timeless writer's a self-important
- chap (3,4) 20 Unfriendly cook harbouring east
- German (6)
- 22 A spread for Mrs Simpson? (5) **24** After being rejected I had to hit back
- (9) 25 Predator giving old Cicero a shock (9)
- 26 Son out of line? Rubbish! (5)
- 27 Camp American drinking beer? On the contrary (6)
- 28 Supporter died in Teheran unfortunately (8)

DOWN

- 1 Leave city in the rain (6)
- 2 Cruel? Of course I can become so (9)
- **3** Electoral system producing veto? (11,4)
- 4 Attractive girl but almost completely mad (7)
- 6 Mad gamble with Rasputin maybe leading way round obstacle (7,8)
- **7** A run-down lawyer (5)
- 8 Tory tendency to create low-wage
- work? (8) **9** According to reporters, weapon went through roof (6)
- **16** Taxi meter running beyond 90 minutes? (5,4)
- 17 Helium replacing oxygen in funny kind of reaction (8)
- 19 Broadcaster's honest sound (6)
- **20** F for fool (7)
- 21 Moderate torn about Robespierre's revolutionary article (6)
- 23 Wine and port getting nod from Benedict XVI? (5)