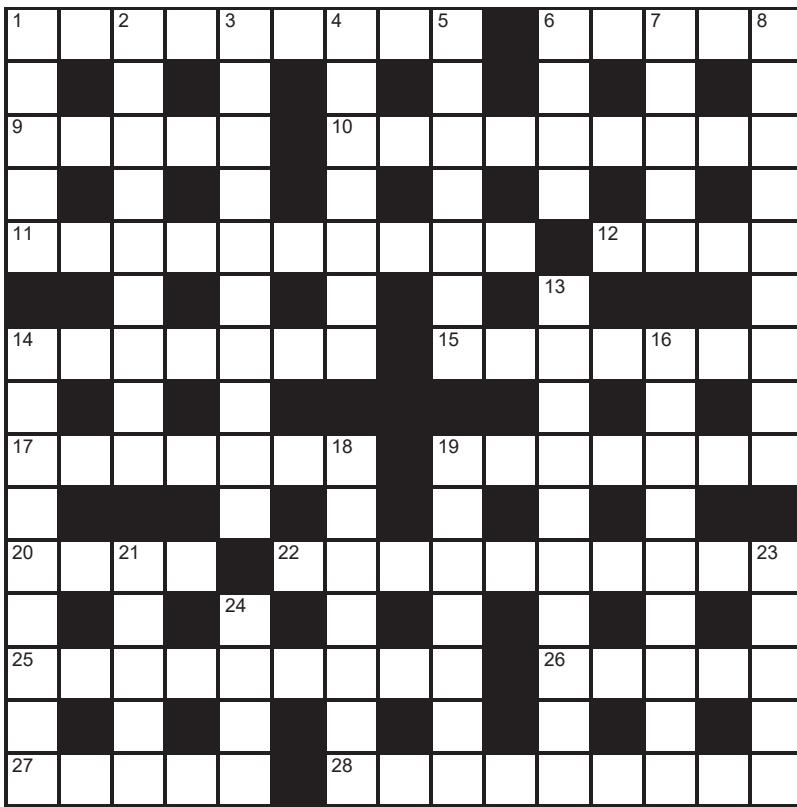


# CROSSWORD No 17,721 by FALCON



Solution 17,720



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## ACROSS

- 1 Tolerated temperature in a bizarre botanical garden (9)
- 6 Daughter's after dainty material (5)
- 9 Beginning to devour a tea in Vladimir's country cottage? (5)
- 10 Bedcover we'd ironed badly (9)
- 11 Comic strip character close to Sweep stabbing nasty brute in back (6,4)
- 12 Rosemary, for one, in *Father Brown* (4)
- 14 Play moderately slowly with stake money (7)
- 15 Suspend boxer, perhaps showing a sense of guilt (7)
- 17 Conspicuous foreigner in street (7)
- 19 Quite some distance? It may be between tee and green (7)
- 20 Piece of information I came across in retirement (4)
- 22 Lawyer's dull speech unsettled court (10)
- 25 Found his stable out of form (9)
- 26 Hera losing husband to another goddess (5)
- 27 Rant I ignored in traffic (5)
- 28 Queen mother leaving country for Hope's place (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Dread flying snake (5)
- 2 Reneged on an earlier decision, and support new deal under pressure (4-5)
- 3 Long-tailed bird in way on river? (10)
- 4 Shake doctor heading for Lisbon in plane? (7)
- 5 Slander bishop at hospital for medical treatment (7)
- 6 Go for a spin (4)
- 7 Couple ultimately bound to run away to Gretna Green? (5)
- 8 Out of order, nudge guy astride black recreational vehicle (4,5)
- 13 Current record about E.T. may be ill-advised (10)
- 14 Like one on the wagon missing imbibing can (9)
- 16 One may be leaving Euston in blue coach (4-5)
- 18 Row about stray dog (7)
- 19 Mostly glowing about school chess champion (7)
- 21 Taken out of context, rapper added (5)
- 23 Dieter's OK after port wine (5)
- 24 Instrument that's blown in Bow boozier, regularly (4)

## JOTTER PAD