

CROSSWORD 17,781 by BUCCANEER

ACROSS

1 American uncle keeps recalling respectful gesture (6)

5 Out-of-work cleric with red clothing of low quality (8)

9 Spicy rice cooked with cored tomato (6)

10 My swan's eating indefinite number of bits of cereal (8)

11 Friend of Harry Houdini gutlessly admits hesitation, taking drug (8)

12 Attic at home filled with nothing by Scotsman (6)

13 Showed contempt in tiff (4)

15 Sailor's beginning with cold shower for on-board diversion (8)

18 Vacuous instrumentalists thus rushed back — they have trumpets (8)

19 Not even small probability (4)

21 Lawyer's incidentally in tight robe, drinking vermouth (6)

23 Tending to overprotect NHS in any reforms (8)

25 Asian cash primarily bought parts on new car (8)

26 Paid employee taking lead from trainee (6)

27 Tracks etc. to play with rock star in film (5,3)

28 Very soft hat is worn outside for a drink of alcohol (6)

DOWN

2 I agree to dispatch golf shot where eagles may be expected (5)

3 Finding inspiration hard in maths, act sick receiving paper (9)

4 Communist leader hosts British leader and Northern European leader (6)

5 Boffin has some salad — it's nicest tossed (6,9)

6 British runners from East London in hurdles (8)

7 Possibly preserved proto-Peruvian (5)

8 Acclaimed stores round Brighton's outskirts like Boots, sometimes (9)

14 Do improv in e.g. *The Winter's Tale*, with yen to stop Antigonus's pursuer (4,2,3)

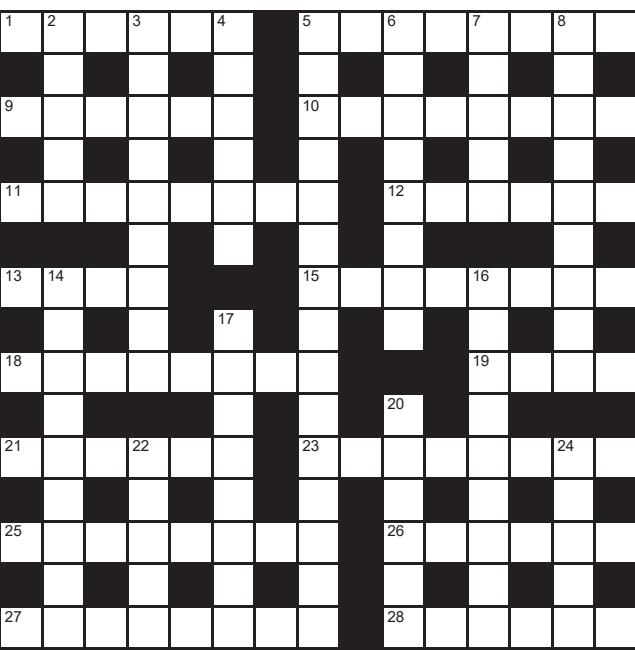
16 Maybe the Tories blunder, turning up potential pitfall (5-4)

17 Good king taken in by cheats — they show a lot of cheek (1-7)

20 Where extremists might get together for cricket, say (6)

22 Satisfied about ostentatiously good players' speeds (5)

24 Son suffering in Hazel's coat? (5)



Solution 17,775

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