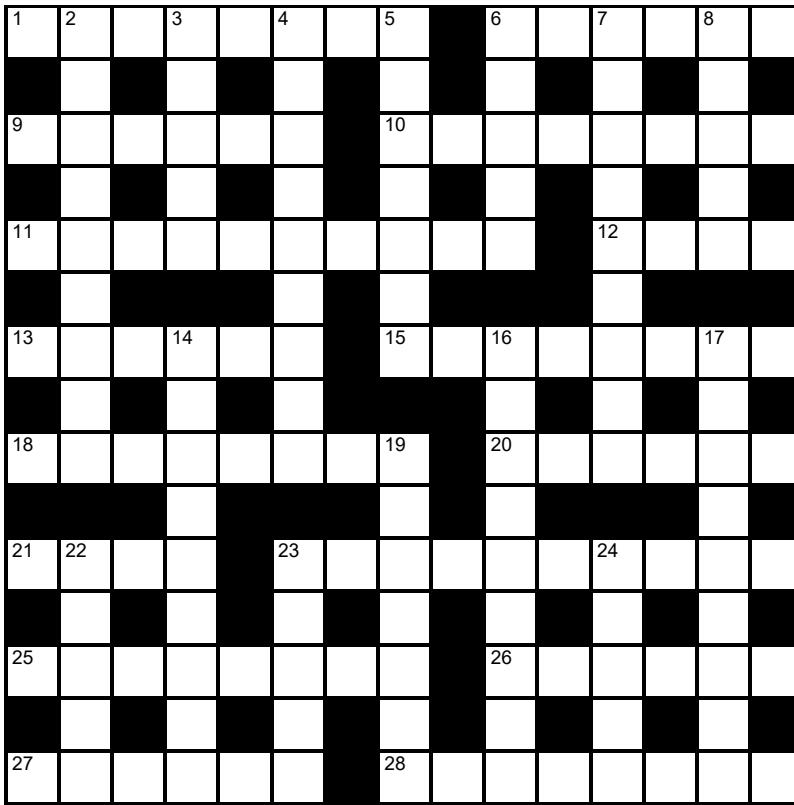


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Solution 17,821



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ACROSS

- 1 Muscle in play, full range (8)
- 6 See where there's an absence of rocks? (6)
- 9 Number of the French in lacklustre parade (6)
- 10 South Africa certainly not toured by wine lover from Italy (8)
- 11 Reference to dairy in cream, primarily whipped (10)
- 12 Watch out for meat! (4)
- 13 Repeated phrases with skill recalled by geezer (6)
- 15 Tramp embraced by old partners goes off (8)
- 18 Ma has resewn faulty trousers, say (8)
- 20 Fourteen lines: four fewer and numbers reversed (6)
- 21 Rugby player has run in try (4)
- 23 L-L-luck of the draw? (5-5)
- 25 My my, two deep holes! (4,4)
- 26 Nothing original, certainly, describing some streets (3-3)
- 27 Impersonate a bird and go jump in the lake (4,2)
- 28 Details accompanying story, tale I end unexpectedly (8)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 2 Friend, mine, took pound (9)
- 3 Noble record (5)
- 4 Reason a relation relocated (9)
- 5 Knotty art, yours truly entertaining a crowd (7)
- 6 A little man as tyrant, odious (5)
- 7 Time clue about daughter moderated (5,4)
- 8 City similarly viewed from north and south? (5)
- 14 Early riser, one in bed after game of cricket (4,5)
- 16 Cat has paw in hedge (9)
- 17 Serenity affected fielding a viewer's complaint (9)
- 19 Agitated bird shown the way (7)
- 22 Old magistrate looking at first lady (5)
- 23 Quick craft (5)
- 24 Optimal reports looked at fish? (5)