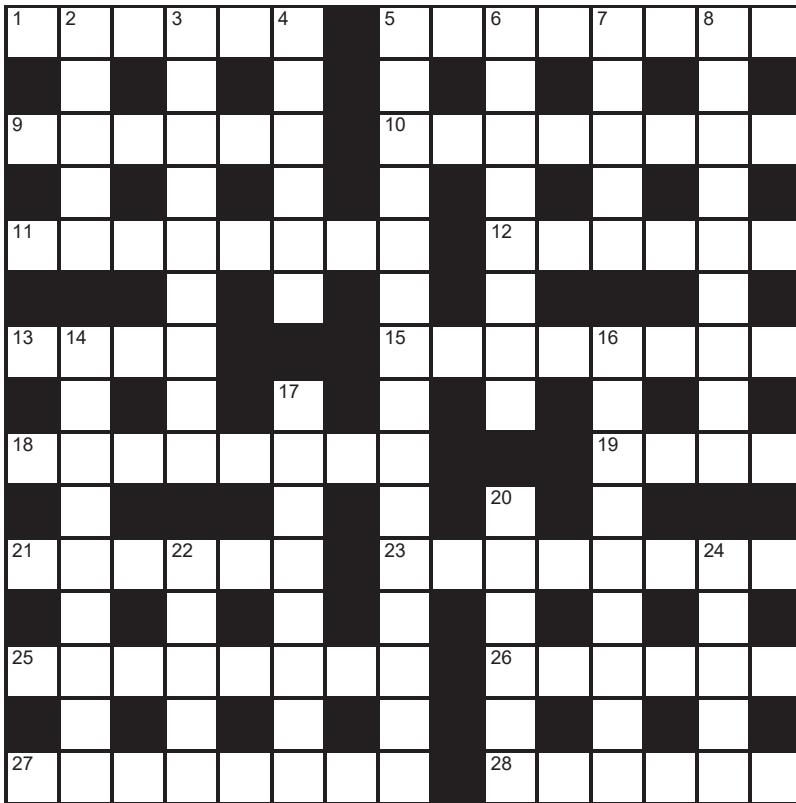


# CROSSWORD No 17,972 by BOBCAT



Solution 17,971



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## ACROSS

- Remove restaurant retrospectively charging uncapped fee (6)
- Cut back relations with company controlling international minister? (8)
- Divide prime bit of Camembert the French way (6)
- Family haunting retired senior cause further provocation (8)
- Trivial affair keeping Wellington away from the front? (8)
- Graduates going head to head about shell of obscure creature (6)
- Player from *Expresso Bongo* extremely withdrawn (4)
- Inappropriate clue for 'demit'? It's just a reversal (3-5)
- Read rude review inwardly showing spirit (3,2,3)
- Nurse on flipping second warning (4)
- Partially unmask a terrifying iceman (6)
- Host entertains Charlie with attractive escort (3,5)
- Visionary movement introduced by Marcus Aurelius? (8)
- Scotsman going west notices divine females (6)
- Poor Schopenhauer lacking cash supply at this stage (8)
- Soprano in Germany? (6)

## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- Fine old cat hiding tail in folded paper (5)
- Discrimination distorted hit parade (9)
- 'Throw up' (to quote author) with this medicine (6)
- Jockey mostly prefers congenial fast mover (9,6)
- Attractive characteristic of *The Third Man* elevating the finale (8)
- Code for the Speaker's tea dance (5)
- Alsace beer brewed without English vegetable (9)
- Site of massive gathering from which there's no escape (5,4)
- Start to interpret three notes about quarantine (9)
- Naked lovers' rampant favourites go too far (8)
- Approve detective sergeant's reforms (6)
- Little sign of queen leaving balcony (5)
- Odd bits of dagger located after party trick (5)