

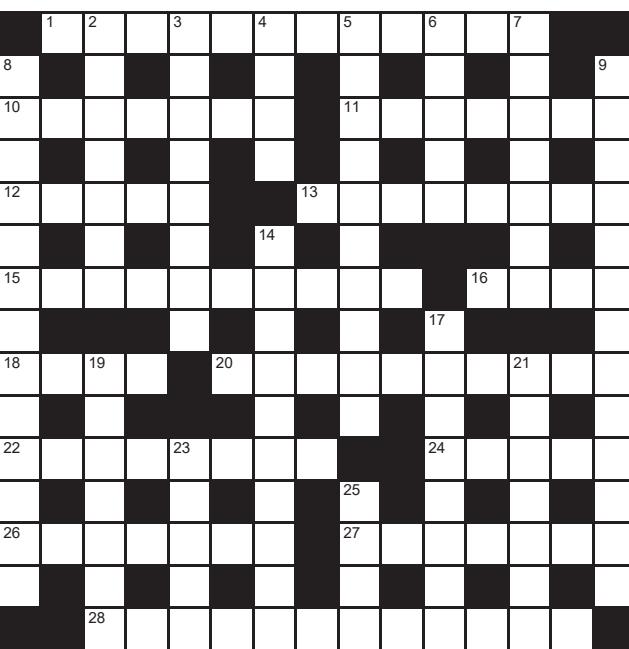
# CROSSWORD 18,000 by JULIUS

## ACROSS

1 Verdict of CIA: junta did become violent when taking over (12)  
10 Simply put, wearing pants son discarded (2,5)  
11 Joe rejected coin base (7)  
12 Healthy volume imported, split equally (5)  
13 Busby Berkeley's debut rakes in bucks (8)  
15 Reviewing eight rows drowsy poet penned? (10)  
16 Eagerly desirous for topless work in Florence (4)  
18 Pack runs away from Plod (4)  
20 Featured in *Grandstand*: Roma/Chelsea — one in classic match! (10)  
22 Leaderless SNP got stuck into lusty big night out (3,5)  
24 Personification of Sun papers: weighty, reliable (5)  
26 Charlie and Mike withdraw from elite university contract (7)  
27 Nice house where the local moggy is given its water? (7)  
28 Member of the armed forces spraying 5 left and right (12)

## DOWN

2 Democrat, more skillful, to overcome second-rate dilettante (7)  
3 Heavens! Uncovered runic piece of work by 15 (8)  
4 Dodgy, smelly starter binned (4)  
5 The greatest chaps attempt covering article on nutrition (10)  
6 Pub *The Queen* (it's next door to *The Bull*) (5)  
7 Arrest old Victor, having abducted fine writer (7)  
8 Expendable bloke sent out to bat for Rembrandt perhaps? (5-8)  
9 Sensational book review critical of former Defence Secretary? (5,8)  
14 Daughter running a new hotel that's rather seedy (4-2-4)  
17 English queen cuddles — now and again kisses! — spy (8)  
19 Marvin Gaye's finale excited arts sponsor (7)  
21 Tree found in California crater (7)  
23 Check gold/diamonds investment tips (5)  
25 Advanced short distance on eastern peak (4)



Solution 17,994

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