

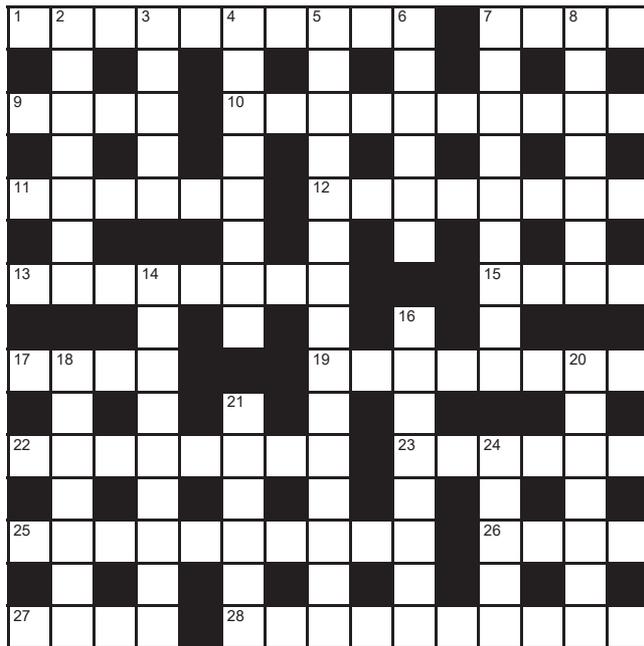
CROSSWORD 18,300 by JULIUS

ACROSS

- 1** Mone's expensive purchase from Spooner back in the day? (3,4,3)
7 Bank regularly swindled (4)
9 Instrument neighbour returned (4)
10 Part of Hornby set that generates enormous excitement? (5,5)
11 Component in engine pump is to need clamping (6)
12 Ice suit (8)
13 Book trendy seaside resort (8)
15 Police informer drug cop reported (4)
17 Finished port after saying goodbye to daughter (4)
19 Dodge Russian fighter from the east, first-rate (8)
22 First and foremost a lovable rogue (5,3)
23 Upper-class actor Nicolas showcasing new release (6)
25 British tree and Dutch tree rot (10)
26 Rejected European Union; pound down (4)
27 Bird starts to fly over winter landscape (4)
28 Daddy there, desperately in need of a drink (10)

DOWN

- 2** Husband running EU rail transport business (7)
3 The old way to introduce a fungus (5)
4 Frisky, 50, in a married relationship (8)
5 Oh... a lad v giant did become quite a story! (5,3,7)
6 The black stuff beginning to tempt real ale fans to the north (6)
7 SS boss, wartime captive sporting black eye (9)
8 Iced over before the German crunch match? (7)
14 Famous American Good Old Republican boy I have upset (4,5)
16 In the morning, knackered, attacked by surprise (8)
18 Very independent spoiled child, zero musical skill (7)
20 Century since Euler discovered hooded garment (7)
21 Holy See initially having lots of land (6)
24 Chaotic OBR arranges to host emergency meeting (5)



Solution 18,294



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