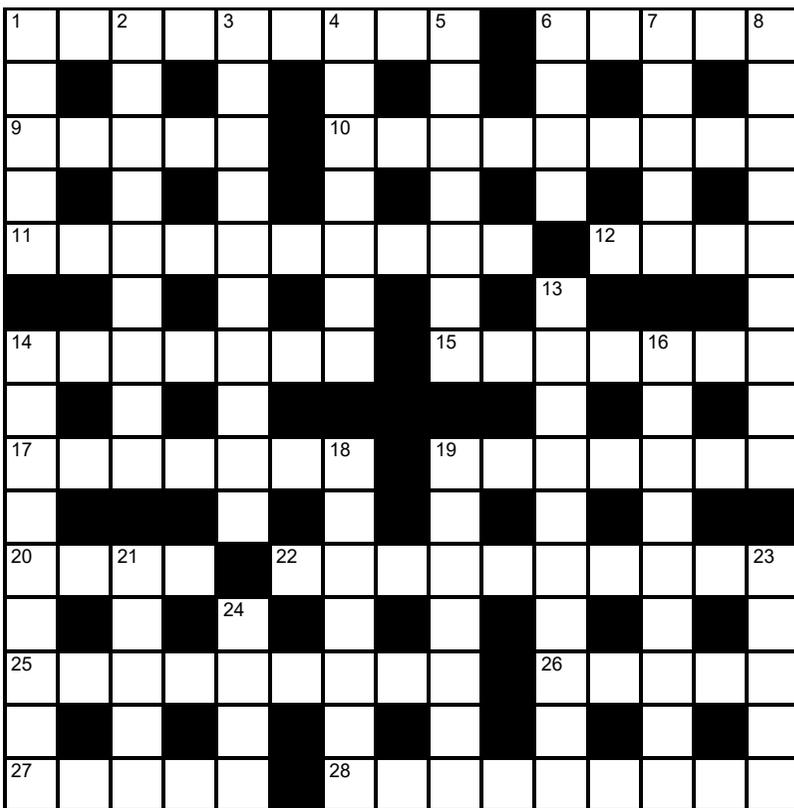


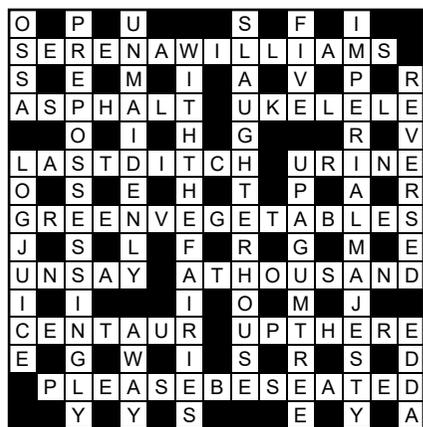
# CROSSWORD No 18,316 by STEERPIKE



## ACROSS

- 1 Peer defending company against international revolutionary? It's unclear (9)
- 6 Fail to include line in entertaining book's conclusion (5)
- 9 Even now, some call it sleeping around (5)
- 10 Dressed up on telly in lavish fashion (9)
- 11 Focal points of poems claiming watchman unmasked earl (10)
- 12 A duck hiding in prize rosebush (4)
- 14 Expert put on edge by German's pained expression (7)
- 15 Train spy (7)
- 17 Hollow toolmarks on giant skull oddly dismissed as wounds (7)
- 19 Summits see Republicans beginning to attract backing (7)
- 20 Test drug before ten in the morning (4)
- 22 Cured ailments consuming upper-class model at the eleventh hour (4-6)
- 25 Upfront attorney turned on popular vice-president (2,7)
- 26 Islands around Cuba leaders in naturally grown sugar product (5)
- 27 Give money to discontented European women after party (5)
- 28 Journalist catches writer in study essentially importuning subordinate (9)

Solution 18,315



## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 1 Survey discovered English succeed (5)
- 2 Service providers united with institute acquired by elitist rogue (9)
- 3 Endangered, blue raven flying across lake (10)
- 4 Routine task interrupted by extremely theatrical laugh (7)
- 5 City on river the Spanish festooned with American shrubs (7)
- 6 Tricks disheartened adversaries (4)
- 7 Free group of soldiers one sent south-east (5)
- 8 Cold-blooded type runs over detective tracking crucial computer components (9)
- 13 Protest threw light on satellite nation's ultimate destruction (10)
- 14 General rule Steerpike breaks in deluge at sea (9)
- 16 Influence cost, keeping Japan in trading alliance with Germany (9)
- 18 Gave rise to endless Native Americans entering South Dakota (7)
- 19 Idiot crushed by article in port (7)
- 21 Grant is a flipping lottery! (5)
- 23 Boat crew scoffed audibly (5)
- 24 Declare absolute victory over Welsh (4)



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