

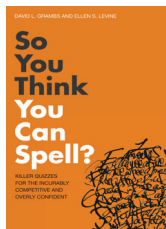
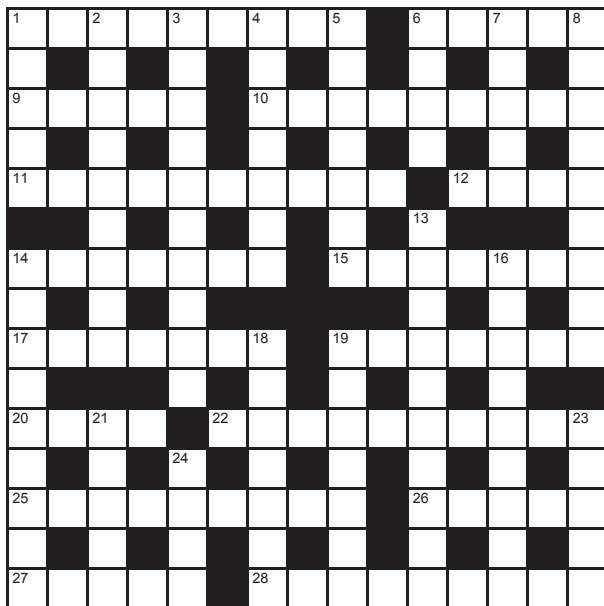
Crossword 13,990 Set by Cincinnus

ACROSS

- 1 A comedian's funny country (9)
- 6 Sue needs introduction to punk and heavy metal (5)
- 9 Screen closed at one end (5)
- 10 Extremely rare flower – perennial? (9)
- 11 Car with sporty body in painting (2,8)
- 12 Crackpots turning bowl over (4)
- 14 Cricketers with one replacing wickets for old birds (7)
- 15 Fruit with cereal, mostly, in a container (7)
- 17 Support male kept in check (7)
- 19 Machiavelli wanting a corrupt marchese (7)
- 20 Observe sound location (4)
- 22 Of course Ballymena's off course (2,3,5)
- 25 Biblical location to fix car up? Amen! (9)
- 26 Drink associated with a theatrical production (5)
- 27 Observed sound location (5)
- 28 Hanker, as in the distant past (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Woman married man (5)
- 2 Wrapper to hang on picture (9)
- 3 Queen with youth leader in rude revue? I am surprised! (3,3,4)
- 4 Chairman's back with directors in passage (7)
- 5 Song about swine in pastoral setting (7)
- 6 Fresh supper-time sandwiches (4)
- 7 Turn out to see a tennis player (5)
- 8 Small charge observed when climbing a hill (9)
- 13 Man of principle hides cream crackers (10)
- 14 Swedes, for example, taking money one almost threw away (9)
- 16 Recall what? (4,5)
- 18 Royalist at sea drops old piece of canvas (7)
- 19 King not attended by second knight (7)
- 21 Put back sword in tent (5)
- 23 Georgia or Virginia, say (5)
- 24 Composer is arranger, oddly enough (4)

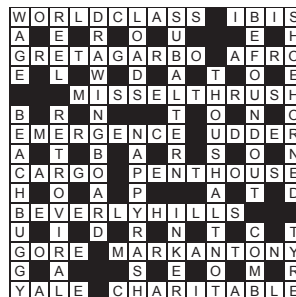


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