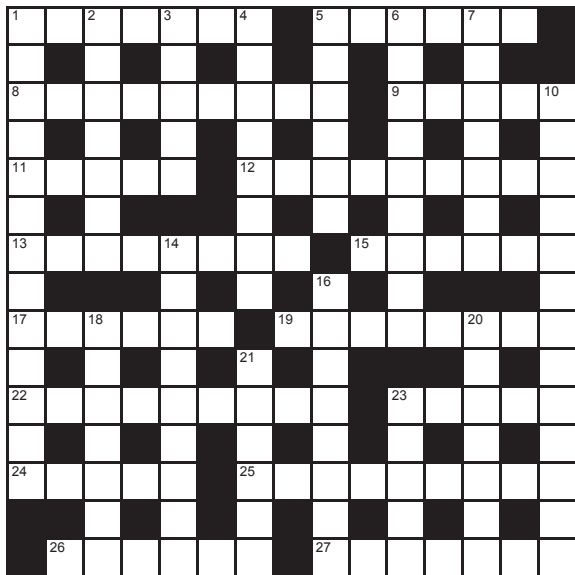


CROSSWORD

No. 13,888 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Jack and Carol in play touring university that's facetious (7)
- 5 Quiet servile type ignoring male in wing (6)
- 8 One taking brief exchange to restrict backward gentleman (9)
- 9 Ruin park within week (5)
- 11 Councillor supported by unknown companion (5)
- 12 I fetch car that's remodelled and become enthusiastic (5,4)
- 13 Second family wearing top and skimpy garment (8)
- 15 Mat put back by nameless eastern governor and military type? (6)
- 17 Surpass in art striking animal (6)
- 19 Producer of fine cocktails? (8)
- 22 Part of network associated with business manager in athletic gear (9)
- 23 Gather group among team assistants (5)
- 24 A fashion designer right at the start in broadcast medium (5)
- 25 Plant in dark cube I cultivated (9)
- 26 Ambassador in front of some entertaining European poet (6)
- 27 Felt longing for period of education and study on reflection (7)

DOWN

- 1 Objectors from ground – source of unexpected aggravation? (4,9)
- 2 Empty cardboard container perhaps – something found in strips? (7)

- 3 Liberal with a magnetism close to demagoguery in part of church (5)
- 4 Uncommunicative name brought up in split (8)
- 5 Old city beset by regretful matter in a clean state (6)
- 6 Different directions harass assiduous seeker of stories (9)
- 7 Stone pillar? Bloke is staggered (7)
- 10 Tanker assumed to be at sea – and fired up (4,2,7)
- 14 Very low aim of Haye, say (5-4)
- 16 Unruly adolescent left during visit in explicit fashion? (8)
- 18 Couple mostly become confused in senseless talk (7)
- 20 Palin, perhaps, sadly starts to kibosh alternative nominees (7)
- 21 Something hunted in blasted site (6)
- 23 Stadium in a historic period put up (5)

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