

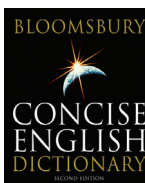
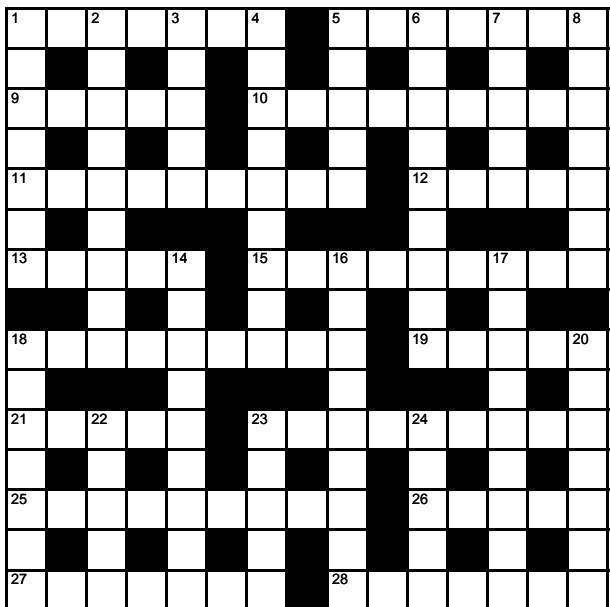
# Crossword 13,536 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Cooks gently removing lid, adding first of eggs to dip (7)
- 5 Endorsement on the retreat (7)
- 9 Sweet stall (5)
- 10 An offensive old thing? (6-3)
- 11 One vessel or another circling a river (9)
- 12 Cold, an amount of liquid blocking nose (5)
- 13 Bundle woman and a female together (5)
- 15 Perception by way of lessons (9)
- 18 Mind huge rocks heading for ravine – one's enormous! (9)
- 19 On entering heaven, flipping eternity it seems! (5)
- 21 Change in sock? Not entirely, for a change (5)
- 23 Food trap has to hurt, duck snared (9)
- 25 Heading off, requested to go off – so go! (9)
- 26 Head caught inside skull, perhaps (5)
- 27 Element by another name uniting hunter and prey? (7)
- 28 Hear about old *King Lear*, perhaps (7)

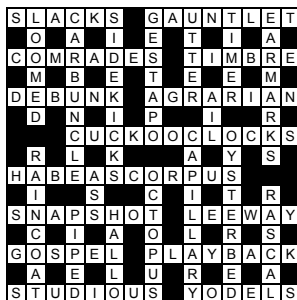
## DOWN

- 1 Clear facts given on oath, though incomplete (2,5)
- 2 Battering ram beginning to destroy items at the centre (9)
- 3 Cold man, warmer clothes? (5)
- 4 Getting on with rampant setter, pretending to be a dog? (9)
- 5 Staff stay in? (5)
- 6 Rebel out in big town, target of paparazzo? (9)
- 7 Criminal blowing top – appearing so? (5)
- 8 Groom clearing room for the bride's family, one getting pickled (7)
- 14 That's just an obvious truth about bloneness? (5,4)
- 16 You dry up fast, appearing rough (9)
- 17 Naivety once nice, now's beginning to fail (9)
- 18 Journalist went out with tool (7)
- 20 Items on stage or screen shifted at close of play (7)
- 22 Perfect light bulb overhead, last to fail (5)
- 23 Titled lady unchanged after promotion? (5)
- 24 Having interrupted siesta, blame the drums (5)

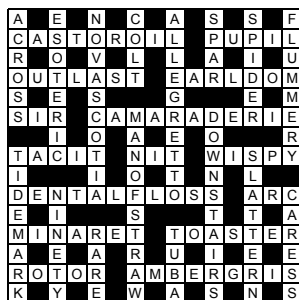


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