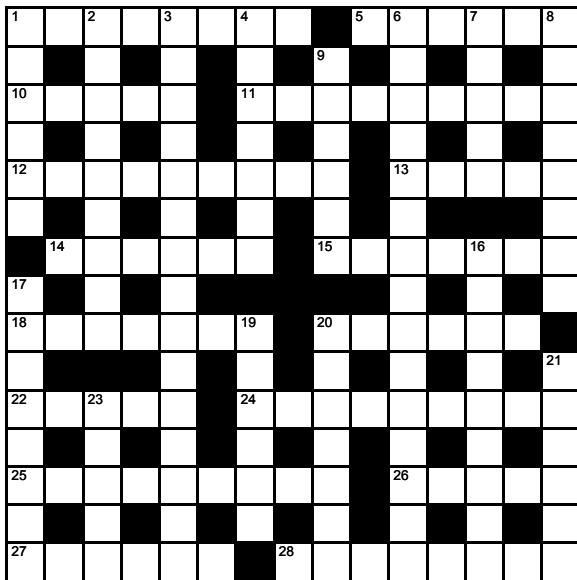


CROSSWORD

No. 13,218 Set by JASON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 A source of cold comfort South African boy put before bank (5,3)
- 5 Sycophant's first stroke – untidy writing (6)
- 10 Whiff of espresso, say, to Italy's capital (5)
- 11 Natter about one US politician having a little snag? (9)
- 12 "Hop it dear" snarled goddess (9)
- 13 Presently getting to grips with prison's first stirrer (5)
- 14 Distract batsman starting to slice left side (6)
- 15 Bung hat on to stand at first (7)
- 18 Escape into hollow drop (7)
- 20 Pepper hot plate when last of cooking's done (6)
- 22 Tart caught in flat (5)
- 24 Determine a cute call having been dealt (9)
- 25 Coming up with a good idea. One I have after new release (9)
- 26 Enthusiasm is not quite complete about brown horse (5)
- 27 One found in pool working by touch formerly? (6)
- 28 Shocked European sacked (8)

DOWN

- 1 Join a navy I did (6)
- 2 Dodges holes spent in and around windy Poole (9)
- 3 A time to give sparklers to mates (7,8)
- 4 Collection a Roman Catholic found on a busy place (7)
- 6 Peeved with louder mobile ringing (soft zeds needed) doing *this* (9,6)
- 7 Up to date except about French battle (5)
- 8 Students left with the workforce (8)
- 9 Several literary cormorants, say (6)
- 16 Column about dropped letters (6,3)
- 17 One to buy and sell is beginning to tempt dreamer (8)
- 19 Plan diplomacy – nice at heart (6)
- 20 Reprise role I've stamped out (7)
- 21 Democrat with need (6)
- 23 Anger sermon-maker in the pulpit? (3,2)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday November 7

Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday November 9

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