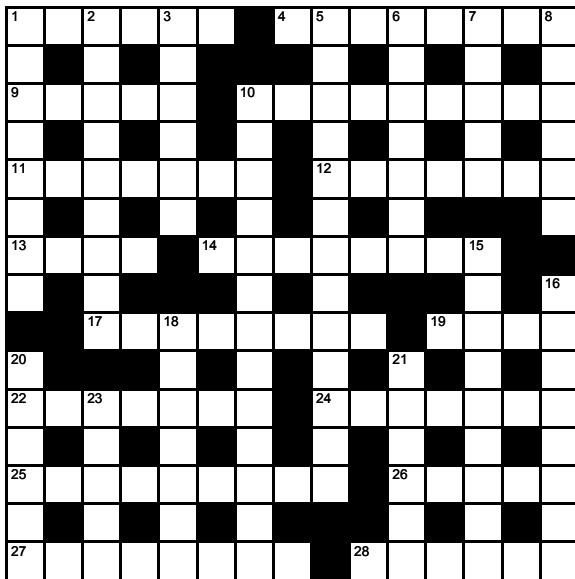


CROSSWORD

No. 13,505 Set by MUDD



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Hasty retreat encapsulating American soldier (6)
- 4 Strike, where many backed messenger (8)
- 9 Turkey, say, welcoming legislation finally, as intended (5)
- 10 Clubman's whip-round for cheese (9)
- 11 Powerful explosive unit, so paste in reverse? (7)
- 12 Reader on E, one with an X (7)
- 13 Almost twelve, or forty winks (4)
- 14 Half-full tin has to be cooked – what was in it? (4,4)
- 17 Retired couple feeding plant (8)
- 19 One thing, or a couple (4)
- 22 Epic in Shakespearean king, not hard (7)
- 24 Yob that is a teaser (7)
- 25 Bloomer as demon flier put in place, ace erased (9)
- 26 Religious teacher's abridged talk (5)
- 27 After refurbishment, is eatery more redolent of bread? (8)
- 28 Boorish programme on the radio (6)

DOWN

- 1 Traditional American woman married, raised in embrace of weed (4-4)
- 2 One looks up as someone looking round Austrian city runs away (9)
- 3 While old king wise, conclusion only intelligent (6)

5 Difficult method of painting bananas (13)

6 City buried Portsmouth, but missing the last two (7)

7 Having turned up, some debutant relaxed on the ball (5)

8 Whole book introduced to nation (6)

10 Lust with four Conservatives, one supine, orgasmic (13)

15 Narrowly miss scoring, then go for a drink! (3,3,3)

16 Charlie sees single wave briefly in the distance (8)

18 Sign telling about opening of road (7)

20 Carpenter's cat's principal long-hair (6)

21 Size of paper drawings etc in which frames? (6)

23 Snake by degrees swallowing man's head (5)

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