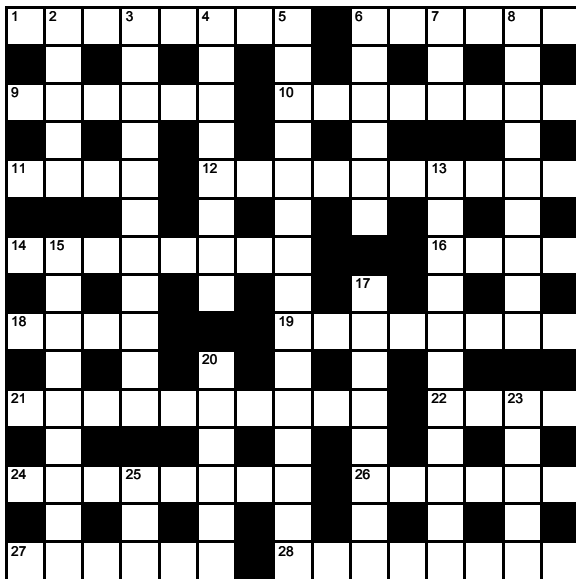


CROSSWORD

No. 13,704 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Dogsboby in trade union enthralled by award introduced by account in paper (8)
- 6 Dashing knight, one found in unwelcome spots (6)
- 9 US author getting justice for Frenchman, one professionally deployed with a pen? (6)
- 10 Finish in a tidy way – a disappointment for drinkers? (5,3)
- 11 Wine in toast imbibed (4)
- 12 Cheer given by banker entertaining noted batsman amid success (10)
- 14 Trains get endlessly busy in port (8)
- 16 Wide opening showing fruit right away (4)
- 18 Not altogether much subtlety recalled in ex-president (4)
- 19 Fashionable thing that could be drawn about element that's rousing (8)
- 21 Second male trips badly in wake of moving vehicle? (10)
- 22 Wise figure from platform short of time (4)
- 24 Arab in revolutionary era showing self-centredness? (8)
- 26 Note by a bower's front a good container for leaves? (6)
- 27 Joker with broken leg getting to move unsteadily (6)
- 28 Characters from sides of divine garden cultivated bananas (8)

DOWN

- 2 Gather a builder's not working (5)

- 3 A liberal college and hotel blocking foremost place for discussion? (7,4)
- 4 Dramatist with drive to feature in upcoming opening (8)
- 5 A dry man thrives possibly around a US island (7,8)
- 6 By the sound of it, regret rubbish bread from abroad (6)
- 7 Joke, sort with no end of variation (3)
- 8 Peter with a lot of activity in pool providing explosive feature? (6,3)
- 13 Hiring a star in order? In perfect order! (5,2,4)
- 15 Stellar group keeping, say, island plant (9)
- 17 Instrument Mike brought up inside? It has piercing feature (8)
- 20 Attitude found among oldest ancestors (6)
- 23 Reportedly, horses feed on grass (5)
- 25 Face simpleton (3)

SOLUTION 13,703

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