

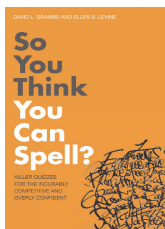
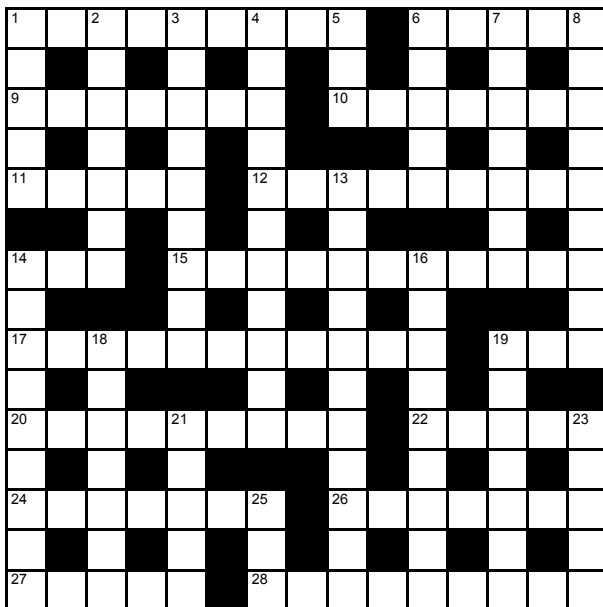
Crossword 13,711 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Drinking place known to require staff (6,3)
- 6 Old currency was valid in Liverpool, for example (5)
- 9 Given butcher's heart, one going for the meat chopper (7)
- 10 Unspecific position (7)
- 11 Tug, perhaps, given loom (5)
- 12 Ride monster, one which flies (3,6)
- 14 Demand means of security out loud (3)
- 15 Stretcher – it's balanced out (7,4)
- 17 Fighting unlikely to save beach with every horror exposed (5,3,3)
- 19 Read out letter, being prompt (3)
- 20 University doctor free, though trapped? (9)
- 22 Open wide (5)
- 24 Life – bit of a test? (7)
- 26 One rings a fabulous creature (7)
- 27 Official thread (5)
- 28 Price thus unspecified, whatever happens (2,3,4)

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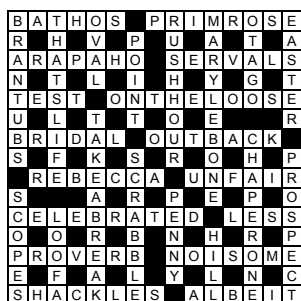
- 1 Loop that's firm in hole (5)
- 2 Polish composer upholding western view (7)
- 3 Scottish city where popular author takes ship (9)
- 4 Is a tit so feather-headed? (4-7)
- 5 Bit of material in paper (3)
- 6 The pits, having to finance individual (5)
- 7 10 with a vice, they said (7)
- 8 Poet's line of cabbages? (9)
- 13 Empty narrow church supported by a tough rubber substance (5-6)
- 14 Spooner's sovereign flag, one proclaims (4,5)
- 16 Speed around black star (9)
- 18 Love story, or fairy story? (7)
- 19 Break in line's shown up as illness (7)
- 21 Wash some underwear in secret (5)
- 23 Bowler getting a duck? (5)
- 25 Short bridge finds source of water (3)



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Solution 13,710

Solution 13,699



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