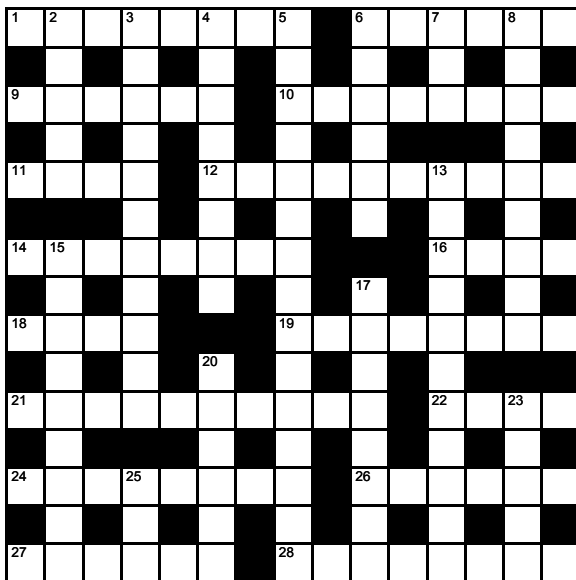


CROSSWORD

No. 13,579 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Inflammatory article stated in reactionary journal (8)
6 Prestige suffering in court (6)
9 Respect of French detective (6)
10 Picture biscuits straight from the oven (8)
11 Profoundly boring (4)
12 Dog making miner aware (10)
14 Shock for Tory in marsh (8)
16 Supporter's grand boast (4)
18 A section of obstetricians being retained after all (4)
19 Old force keeps one week for inspection (8)
21 Armies sell out in France (10)
22 Spike is a Latin expert (4)
24 Catch the eye of porter grabbing joiner (5,3)
26 A stoppage of breath for years father rejected (6)
27 Newsman backing trend to gold (6)
28 Competitor devours breakfast in suit (8)

DOWN

- 2 Ridge seen every second in fair weather (5)
3 Place of judgment where Penny advanced tycoon (6,5)
4 Power of poor American car among equipment (8)
5 Irresolute aunts playing a dangerous game (7,8)
6 Accessory for many an artist attracts tax (6)
7 Salad has price cut (3)
8 Free from blame once one is over rebuke (9)
13 Valerie, in a mood, shows uncertainty (11)
15 Withdrawn book concealed by grass (9)
17 Latest special model in media reports (8)
20 Fiddle with FT's accuracy (6)
23 Climber initially has a break below the summit (5)
25 Crank barrel over (3)

Solution to the Christmas crossword on Saturday January 8
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday January 10
Crossword winners' names will be published in Weekend FT.