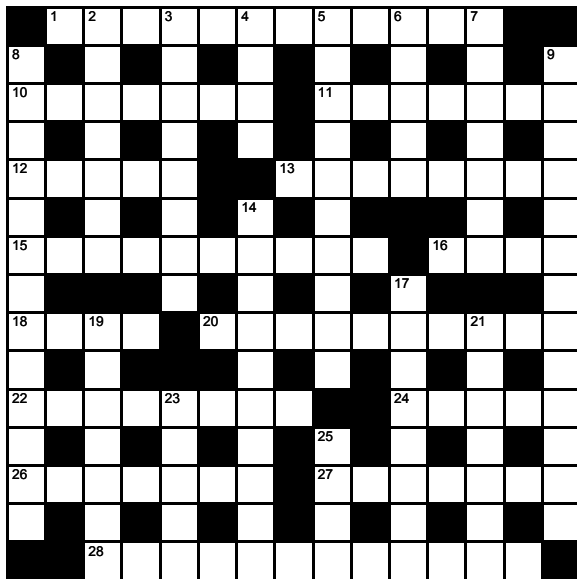


CROSSWORD

No. 13,455 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Theatre is heaving after introduction of superb harmonica player (7,5)
- 10 Educational department that is, in France, more green (7)
- 11 Passed over food in party dress (7)
- 12 Ignoring cold, precariously ascend these? (5)
- 13 New bar manager's final promise – a centre for smokers? (8)
- 15 They entertain spy back in private quarter (10)
- 16 Hole in the wall contains old fragment (4)
- 18 Latest ones in that taxi quaffed whisky neat (4)
- 20 Accommodation between seaman and militants upset toff (10)
- 22 Sense agreement among crew (8)
- 24 Female you texted in pub for a laugh (2,3)
- 26 A TV company restricted by evidence of debt? Would you believe it! (1,3,3)
- 27 Race venue isn't always given backing (7)
- 28 Limousine this Roman takes before important game (6,6)

DOWN

- 2 Like a clergyman in pantomime? (7)
- 3 Old jockey wins in Irish town (8)
- 4 Relative overseas principally tracks Gaelic man? (4)

- 5 Royal canine puts female servant outside, spilling one salad ingredient? (10)
- 6 Run out of extra stout? Light beer needed (5)
- 7 Northern clan come from opposite directions in the beginning (7)
- 8 Suggest what a balloon might do? (5,2,3,3)
- 9 British seaside town, one neglected in wild shantymen tales (6,2,5)
- 14 Work up sprint on river where one hears bass? (5,5)
- 17 Photograph centre of Venice in party, backtracking – it's a difficult thing (2,6)
- 19 Domestic furnishing – a clothes-horse? (7)
- 21 Umpire complimentary about Essex's opener, following on (7)
- 23 Poem wicked, crossing boundaries of decency (5)
- 25 Pork pie husband has once? (4)

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