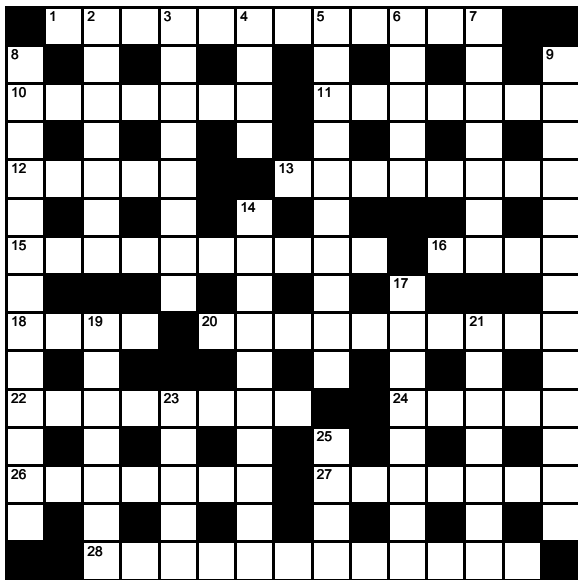


CROSSWORD

No. 13,227 Set by HAMILTON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Means to be introduced by the office joker (8,4)
- 10 As chalk is to cheese, in a word (7)
- 11 Our ears are assailed by alarm clock, say (7)
- 12 Rubbish food! (5)
- 13 Vital phase of a child's education (3,5)
- 15 Soviet officer is skipper? No, another! (3,7)
- 16 Fond heart regularly receives a flower (4)
- 18 Element of fear for King (not the Queen) (4)
- 20 Starred in production of "Dark Side", set to lose large amount (10)
- 22 Relaxed for six months before being interrupted (8)
- 24 Top mark for the brightest star (5)
- 26 Tax Officer oversees internal takeover of the French lottery (7)
- 27 Behold something terrible in a Gorgon's face (4,3)
- 28 Heartless Rosemary taken on by Florence and Edith as childminder (7,5)

DOWN

- 2 Model ruined by lack of experience? (7)

- 3 Suggestion is half of agenda in reconstituted union (8)
- 4 Novel girl (4)
- 5 Guilt-ridden for having flagrantly chased fame (10)
- 6 Promises made since taking profession (5)
- 7 Girl's group split up (7)
- 8 For a start, mess could be tidied up by degree holders (7,2,4)
- 9 Commercial autonomy can rescue business sector (4,5,4)
- 14 Cole Porter's heartfelt plea to Ms Winslet! (4,2,4)
- 17 Sweet one in vehicle is unrecognisable at first (8)
- 19 Supervisor sympathetic towards name change (7)
- 21 Sportsman (first to last) gets his breakfast perhaps (7)
- 23 Second and third-rate scent (5)
- 25 Raise VAT, say (4)

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