

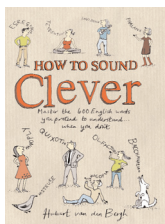
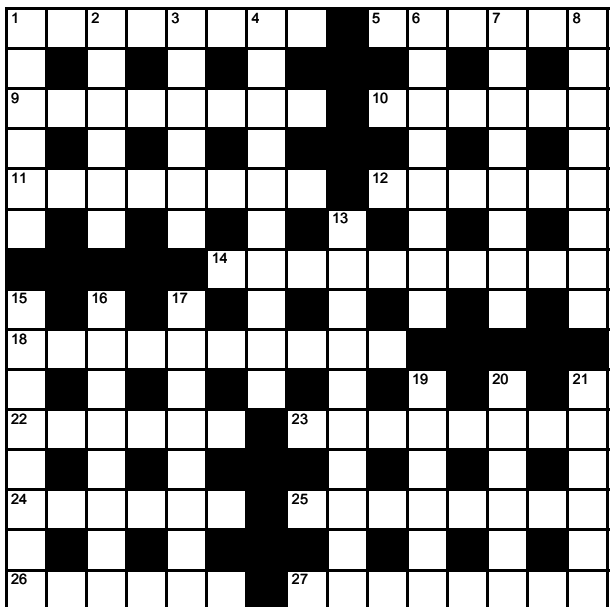
Crossword 13,640 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Cemetery where a groom neighbours animal (8)
- 5 Charlie keeps empty safe secret (6)
- 9 Dog taking wine and beer on to the main road (8)
- 10 Concubines eating first of lemons, wanting some of the Big Apple (6)
- 11 Bluey-red den dividing taste (8)
- 12 Artless landlord's pub crawl (6)
- 14 Guttersnipe playing endless game with ruffian (10)
- 18 Garment with tear on top given to soldiers (5,5)
- 22 Port that's old and thick (6)
- 23 Put on trousers secured by peg (8)
- 24 Model is nude – these absent? (6)
- 25 Fine, so never sinister? (3,5)
- 26 Keen to find a river hollow (6)
- 27 A blooming avalanche? (8)

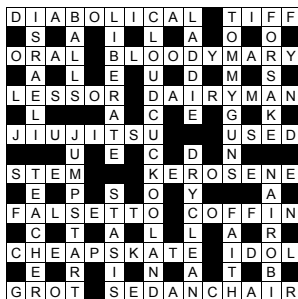
DOWN

- 1 Irritable when shelled? (6)
- 2 Dry up putting on an Indian head-dress (6)
- 3 Sacred works showing trees (6)
- 4 Rebel's initial aim to oust one, perhaps, under leadership of Mao (10)
- 6 Forget to value the last of furniture when damaged (5,3)
- 7 Top, if smothered in sauce, gets to harden (8)
- 8 Tree where monkey died (8)
- 13 North liberates unstable area once walled off (4,6)
- 15 Old disease producing foul scar (8)
- 16 Great to fork out about fifty on passport (8)
- 17 Clever clogs finding last of snakebite in beer mug (8)
- 19 Tongue with which man takes drink (6)
- 20 Bird on the football field? (6)
- 21 Be quiet, and prepare to drive! (4,2)



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Solution 13,639



Solution 13,628



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