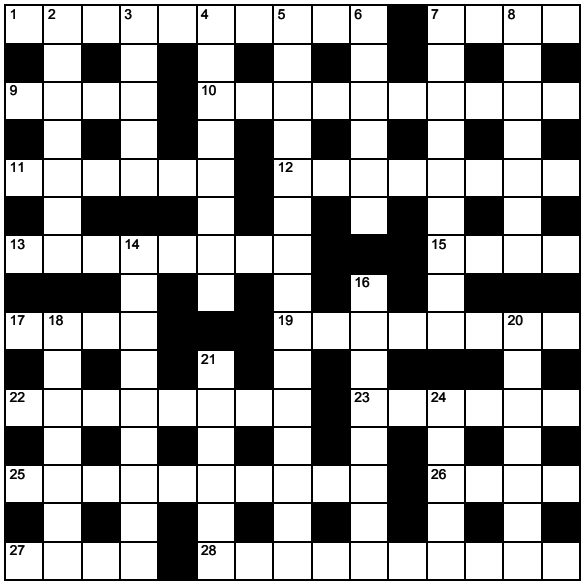
CROSSWORD

No. 13,654 Set by PHSSTHPOK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1 Female country is a dangerous place (2,4,4)
7 Empty question (4)
9 Heads back to station (4)
10 Result of embarrassed Queen winning hand? (5,5)
11 Hot in Centigrade, despite shadowed surroundings (6)
12 Approach public by river (8)
13 Ward of court in pursuit of restless prince (8)
15 Article of clothing: sock or tie (4)
17 Card shows English letter inside Greek letter (4)
19 Adapt male noun to describe objects that can't be seen (8)
22 Could be pitfalls in giving sacred chant extra note (8)
23 Gangster has time for new cloak (6)
25 Makes red wine for bullfighting, perhaps (5,5)
26 Report money raised (4)
27 King returned knight's dagger (4)
28 Face cryptic compiler continually (10)

DOWN

2 Propane combusts, theoretically (2,5)
3 Top level network has no limits (5)
4 Walk over nearest empty grating (8)
5 Pray not for the solution to this clue, but accept help when in difficulty (3,4,2,1,5)
6 Sweet hallucinations about fantastic clue (6)
7 Give friend a buffet that's delicious (9)
8 A harsh blow for one excluded from abortive hearing (7)
14 It's polite to outsource production (9)
16 Wine cuts meal into pieces (8)
18 I enter link up in internet business (1-6)
20 Redcoat battling in modern style (3,4)
21 Enormous distance needed to analyse speed of light (6)
24 Address hygiene problem in infectious disease (2,3)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday April 9
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday April 11
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