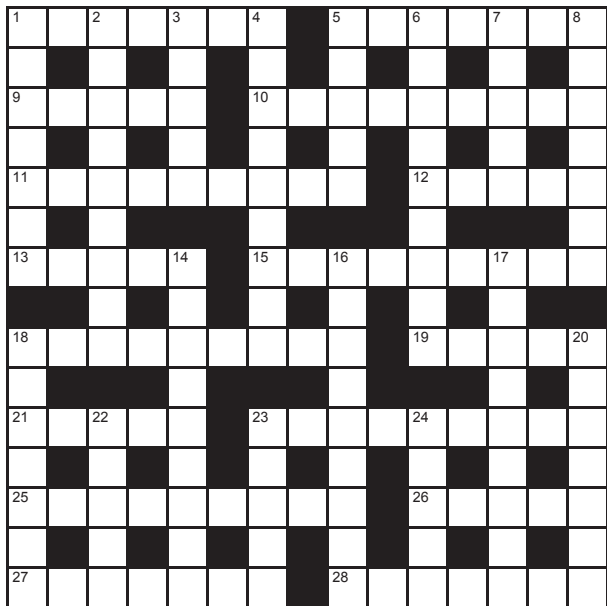


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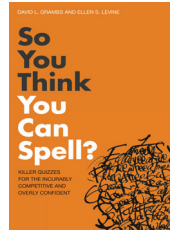
ACROSS

- 1 Period sounds revolutionary, son's claimed (7)
- 5 Female, girl leading employees (7)
- 9 Final word before dying at the front, "repair" (5)
- 10 King Edward forces son to reform (9)
- 11 Lily, claiming not disheartened, is taking drug as possible treatment (9)
- 12 Christian not entirely keeping dry, just the same (5)
- 13 One article's nicked, leader of felons – that he is! (5)
- 15 Good saying for the rain collectors (9)
- 18 Play this Ravel Impromptu (3,6)
- 19 Mummy or teacher (5)
- 21 Posh, with cold in head, appearing rough (5)
- 23 Serious actor in drag at Eton's beginning to appear ridiculous (9)
- 25 Priest's residence, where attendant admits crime (9)
- 26 Fall by 500, so empty (5)
- 27 Pass around hot, dense vegetation (7)
- 28 Destroy old bus garage, reversing round back of car (7)



DOWN

- 1 Two animals getting closer? (7)
- 2 Pigs keeping little tankards, primarily, for Sauternes perhaps? (5,4)
- 3 Sacred flower in the gloaming, not entirely visible (5)
- 4 Runnin' northwards, a country not quite a country (9)
- 5 Material picked up (5)
- 6 Most reliable stateside redevelopment (9)
- 7 It's useful while hardened (5)
- 8 Possible truth about Afghans making the distance (7)
- 14 Crowd gathers bandaging material for arm (9)
- 16 Will try to cage domesticated lion, ultimately? (9)
- 17 Certain it's complex! (9)
- 18 Politician in utter disarray, showing some brass (7)
- 20 Meet rugby games people, no end (3,4)
- 22 Dog Israeli grocer swallows up (5)
- 23 Tray without fish on oven grill (5)
- 24 Tree, the one with more rings? (5)



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Solution 13,983



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