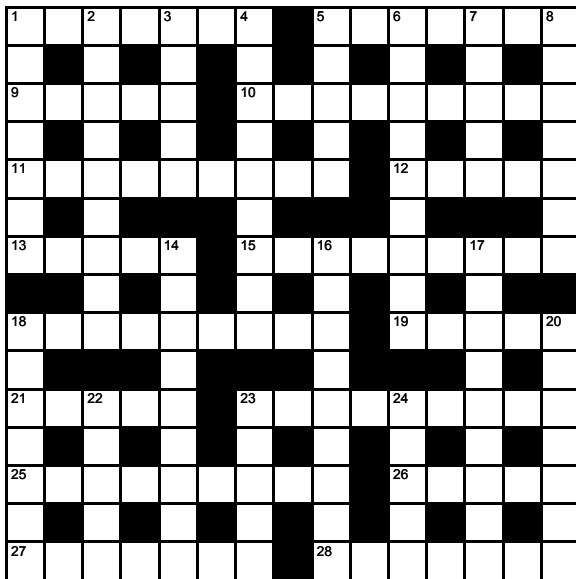


CROSSWORD

No. 13,780 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Horse flying past us has no time to circulate for example (7)
- 5 Observer section features special wine (7)
- 9 Team of workers again put down path? (5)
- 10 Tenor in France is lighter, sporting tie (4,5)
- 11 Deliberately, one holds back consommé to hide price (2,7)
- 12 Unprepared army's rejected in conflict (2,3)
- 13 Greek character's overlooking Troy, a symbol of disgrace (5)
- 15 US industrialist sees bird crossing on track (5,4)
- 18 Wrongly cast woman ignores a shirt that's improper (9)
- 19 Short water vole, literally (5)
- 21 Joint deficient before fifties? It's a sign of trouble (5)
- 23 Intended to help male worker in Surrey town (5,4)
- 25 Plain green models shown in class one (9)
- 26 Dwarfish creature right to be in charge (5)
- 27 Blue flower in Asia reportedly discovered (7)
- 28 Horse, around 9, excitedly eats piece of sugar and root (7)

DOWN

- 1 Risky fusion of rap and soul (7)
- 2 Party earlier held by private secretary somewhere in the Pacific (9)
- 3 Harris's neighbour beginning to retrieve powerful cricket shot? (5)

- 4 Burial site not promoted in south – terribly old (6,3)
- 5 Female is surfacing among eggs (5)
- 6 Lad's weary, revising fictional character (3,6)
- 7 Spotted horse, lacking power, weak, getting carried along (2,3)
- 8 Stuck present in hands of tot (7)
- 14 Hair colouring on bed has ruined covers close to wall (3,6)
- 16 Type of tenant perhaps Ginny strangely keeps on every year (3-6)
- 17 Precisely at that time, seaman catches sole? Just the opposite (2,3,4)
- 18 Mike, soaked in shower, copes (5,2)
- 20 Reader will broadcast record that's a sign of Xmas (4,3)
- 22 Love god encapsulates universal currency (5)
- 23 Pupil lies in this bunk? (2,3)
- 24 Giant wings of insect occupy shade (5)

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