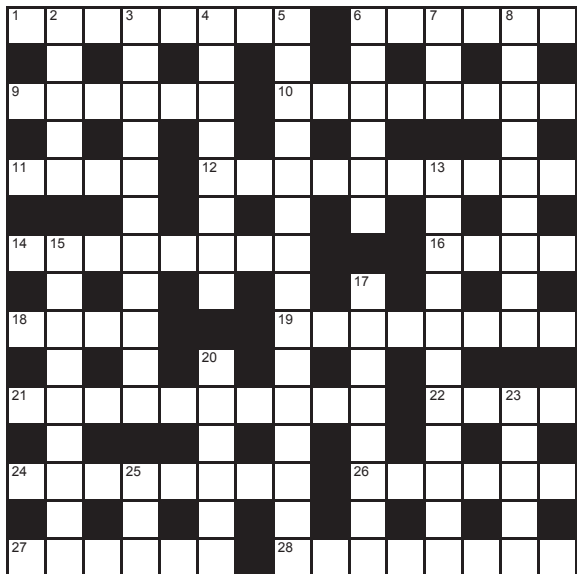


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Dog left abroad, unfortunately – Rex? (8)
- 6 Quiet, poor baby in worn and dirty clothes (6)
- 9 Plot to strike causes pandemonium (6)
- 10 Clubs, say, having the resources to get one fit (8)
- 11 Check second Scottish river (4)
- 12 Divert second roller coaster (10)
- 14 Venomous creature in house close to playpen (8)
- 16 Some without a home, in a state (4)
- 18 Wide boy could get very important people upset (4)
- 19 Stretch the truth concerning lottery (8)
- 21 Middle East container port needs backing, capital (10)
- 22 Girl in public school, losing heart (4)
- 24 Couple hired band (8)
- 26 Chap leaving drive for work (6)
- 27 No port must be drunk quickly (6)
- 28 Service still no good (8)

DOWN

- 2 Expert in a department (5)
- 3 Speedy motorist giving demonstration at club (5,6)

- 4 Personal servant (8)
- 5 Act of bravado employing just one in chambers? (7,8)
- 6 Fool in school to tell tales (6)
- 7 Commander heading for Augusta, Georgia (3)
- 8 Hood's battle? (9)
- 13 Makes a gross mistake plugging black American with gun (11)
- 15 Hebe, perhaps, caught on horseback by messenger (9)
- 17 Some gent bemused 22, for example (8)
- 20 Handsome young man getting Oscar after a ballot (6)
- 23 Nobleman in pub, working (5)
- 25 Chapter on a new depth charge (3)

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