

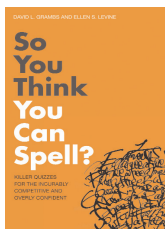
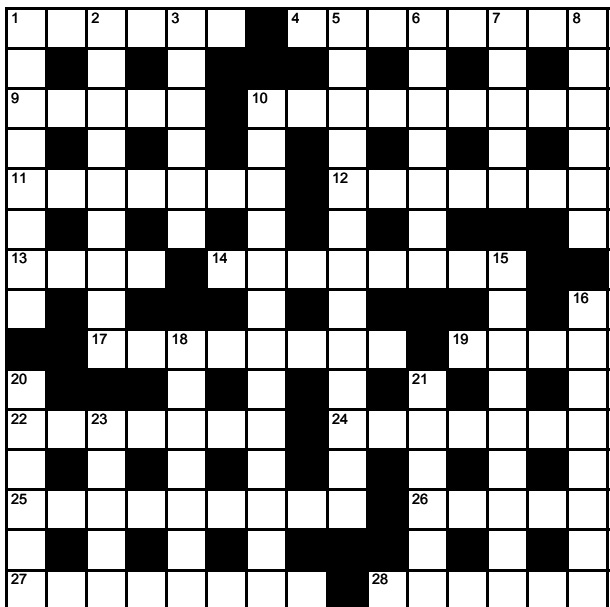
Crossword 13,771 Set by Cincinnati

ACROSS

- 1 Old fogey's beginning to get in close? Definitely not! (2,4)
- 4 He croons, breaking glass (8)
- 9 Weary maiden comes back for war-rant (5)
- 10 Insects accepting fine timber as something to be eaten (9)
- 11 China, say, making a fuss (7)
- 12 Golfer taking in regular teams (7)
- 13 Soldiers extremely useful for Castro (4)
- 14 Constable and his ilk in loco parentis (8)
- 17 Cry of dismay about singer in island capital (8)
- 19 Yorkshire pudding brought back a little fairy (4)
- 22 Secure job, opening mail (7)
- 24 I fall out with myself to get a bad reputation (3,4)
- 25 Without love we depart, crestfallen (9)
- 26 School doctor in a bad way (5)
- 27 Prominently display singer's first record (8)

DOWN

- 1 Misguidedly tamper with an important role (4,4)
- 2 Entertained by expression of disgust spoken in jest (3,1,5)
- 3 End of play? Audience finally gets involved (6)
- 5 Custard given fancy name? Sacrilege! (5,8)
- 6 Blue book in Ohio location (7)
- 7 Family member from Greece invariably turning up (5)
- 8 Devil-may-care, taking liquor on empty stomach (6)
- 10 Bird from Barcelona goes rambling (8,5)
- 15 Going up and down, get stuck at first on a branch (9)
- 16 Group supporting newspaper for limited period (4,4)
- 18 Person of distinction in case? Most illustrious! (7)
- 20 In the centre of Brussels pop produces offspring (6)
- 21 Promise to make toast (6)
- 23 Movement at sea is wonderful (5)



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