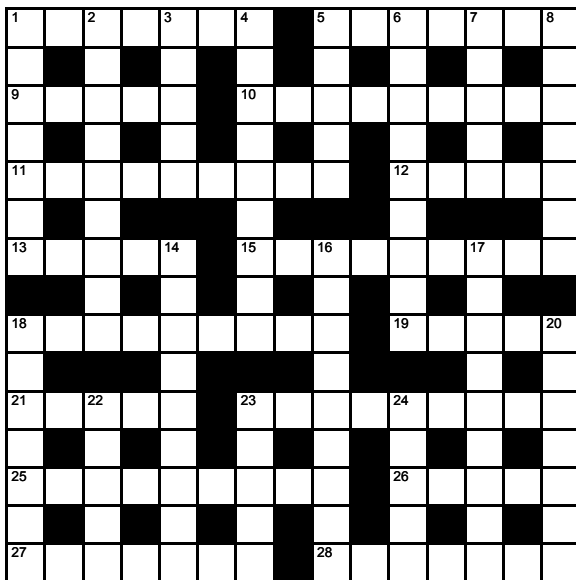


CROSSWORD

No. 13,556 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Prepare for printing? There's step yet to be sorted out (7)
- 5 Cut favourite piece (7)
- 9 One with role seen in factory (5)
- 10 Restore to former position, it's neater somehow (9)
- 11 Fruit of spoilt generation, lacking nothing? (9)
- 12 Send payment for pardon (5)
- 13 Strongly criticise the dish (5)
- 15 Letter-opener? (9)
- 18 Gloomy, not hip? (9)
- 19 Stealing this paper (5)
- 21 Make certain there's no right to follow (5)
- 23 Barely get wet? (6-3)
- 25 Cutbacks in east, so income's affected (9)
- 26 Whine, beginning to blab. Sad tale! (5)
- 27 Nationalist returns with guy for function (7)
- 28 Our ball's bouncing like part of the ear (7)

DOWN

- 1 One raising glass to a flower? (7)
- 2 Head grabs last of Orvieto wine for monarch (9)
- 3 It could be ace to be employed in the forces (5)
- 4 "Go no further" martinet's ordered English (9)
- 5 Set of rooms – delightful, we hear (5)
- 6 Rebel's run-in gets resolved (9)
- 7 Song heard in church apse calms as outsiders leave (5)
- 8 Where the parterre's regularly found? (7)
- 14 Flamboyant hero meets a crowd, perhaps (9)
- 16 Is stumped at the outset in feeble end to innings (9)
- 17 Veronica to move quickly in a satisfactory way (9)
- 18 Lenient chap (7)
- 20 Lay adviser? (7)
- 22 Small crop giving rise to disdain (5)
- 23 Jonathan's bird (5)
- 24 Arrest Old Boy, he may be loaded (5)

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 Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday December 13
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