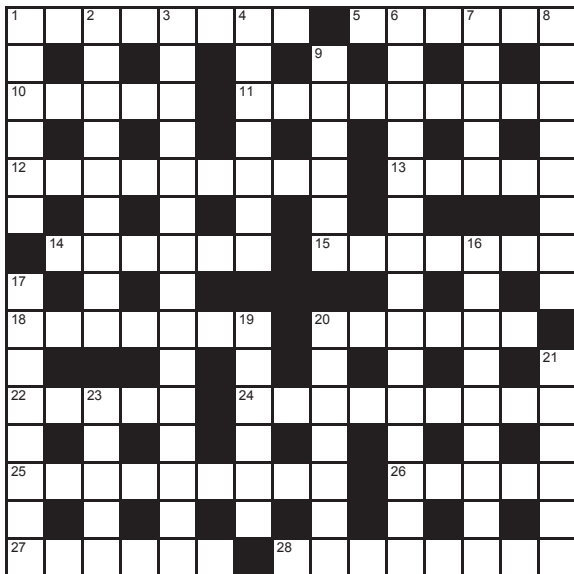


CROSSWORD

No. 13,858 Set by CINEPHILE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Middle Eastern troubles in shelter (8)
- 5 Correct publicity only (6)
- 10 Comedian with base in China? (5)
- 11 Don't go as far as saying in addition to letter "house in south wrong" (4,5)
- 12 Team directors in dining room? (9)
- 13 Whirlybird's nonsense – gold! (5)
- 14 Gain nourishment down the hatches? (6)
- 15 Flower shower – if not, in part of dance (7)
- 18 Affectionate greeting to familiar sore patch? (3,4)
- 20 Dam the river – see how to do it first (6)
- 22 Get rid of the undergrowth? (5)
- 24 Scared, sadly – cause to be so by shibboleth? (6,3)
- 25 Fellow backing silver has seen off another metal (9)
- 26 Prepared for attack, unlike the Venus of Milo (5)
- 27 Wave in the hair? (6)
- 28 Quiet inland reptile (8)

DOWN

- 1 Destructive creature has copper among the damned (6)
- 2 Spooner's not interested – type of connection (9)
- 3, 6 Blondes for heroes? One barrel, largely Jewish, in part of church, cured this Red Sea fever (4,3,3,5,8,3,4)

- 4 Keep and don't overrule (7)
- 6 See 3
- 7 Worry about hidden destroyer (1-4)
- 8 Instruction for one in exam after disapproving comment (8)
- 9 Some minor Dickens characters are tall and blond (6)
- 16 Some tomato sauce, monsieur? Cover with juice – here's the illustrated guide (6,3)
- 17 Active person eats large amount, rising from very flimsy stuff (8)
- 19 Bill for Royal Mail? (6)
- 20 Weapon gentleman has bought in France (7)
- 21 Land most of day with little change (6)
- 23 New start in coin connected with organ (5)

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