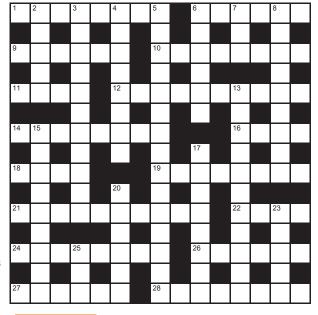
Crossword 14,176 Set by Cincinnus

ACROSS

- 1 Little swimmers? Little Europeans (8)
- 6 Artist going to bank once in a blue moon (6)
- 9 Cat discovering silver, you say, in grate (6)
- 10 Fascinating metalwork (8)
- 11 Border river disheartened stranger (4)
- 12 Nudes, by Sat, ordered clothes for the day after (6.4)
- 14 Presenter on Radio 2 has fight in republic (8)
- 16 Follow the arrows if looking for starters (4)
- 18 God of war, essentially (4)
- **19** One grows red with anger, getting worked up (8)
- 21 What motivates mother when tulips appear? (10)
- 22 Solid wood and molten lead (4)
- 24 Fertiliser possibly smelt before dinner? (8)
- 26 Seine's different border river (6)
- 27 Turner turned this writer's introduced beast (6)
- 28 Charm of lake isle stopping navigator (8)

DOWN

- 2 Tony is one beginning to annoy old quard (5)
- 3 Bass-baritone making soprano blue (4.7)
- 4 Singers turned up with right flower (8)
- 5 Shy type in veil got cracking with trick cyclist (9,6)
- 6 Live it up, taking in a show (6)
- 7 Turn over, wanting new channel (3)
- 8 Country is led badly after election victory (9)
- **13** Skippers, for example, only worry about stays (11)
- 15 Little woman runs over boys from Agaba? (9)
- 17 Master old equipment with bent nail (8)
- 20 Legal procedure, please (6)
- 23 Cult member reads atlas regularly (5)
- 25 Meat optional with burger (3)





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