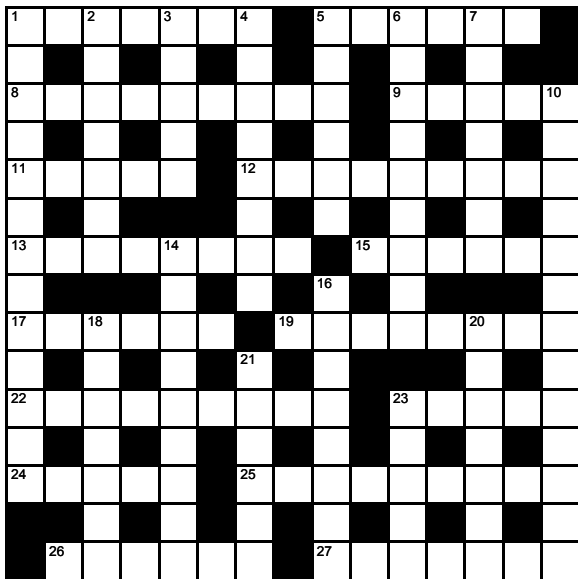


# CROSSWORD

No. 13,603 Set by HAMILTON



JOTTER PAD

## ACROSS

- 1, 5 Covering for apprentices, principal always ready to experiment (7,6)
- 8 Sailor 'e caught with disease ended early signs of distress (9)
- 9 Youngster at work backing type of children's book (3-2)
- 11 Fresh air in Oslo's premier district (5)
- 12 Talked of practical headgear and its disadvantages (9)
- 13 Shorts and top adjusted in Hampshire (3,5)
- 15 Plume one rearranged on top of bird's head (6)
- 17 Go quietly, putting an end to drug (6)
- 19 Origin of the jet (8)
- 22 Trustworthy delegate you said supports the board (9)
- 23 Second mountain express (5)
- 24 Holidays start and I keep us initially amused with this ode (5)
- 25 Historic trader in sheep (5,4)
- 26, 27 New pine kitchen a shambles – that's aggravating! (4,2,3,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Thatcher's opt out as taken away and amended goes up in smoke (3,2,3,5)
- 2 Note the difficulty with gym so choose again (7)
- 3 Not in the mainstream, country changed at last (5)

- 4 Reformed character born to have work they distributed (8)
- 5 Wherein Incas in olden times were trying their luck (6)
- 6 Mean to nail it perfectly after retreating somewhat (9)
- 7 Irishman in the river! One goes in as well to make amends! (7)
- 10 Thousand smackers, non-stop and without reserve? Could be, playing this game! (8,5)
- 14 Runt? (5,4)
- 16 Perfect score – 10 – is common knowledge (2,6)
- 18 Father takes a drink if heading north – it's hot stuff (7)
- 20 Simultaneously wonderful and dreadful (7)
- 21 Boy Wonder loses his head, taking degree as a witchdoctor (3-3)
- 23 South Pole is stormy, so decamp (5)

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