

Crossword 14,547 Set by Falcon

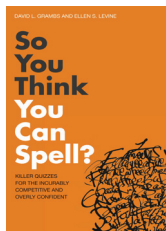
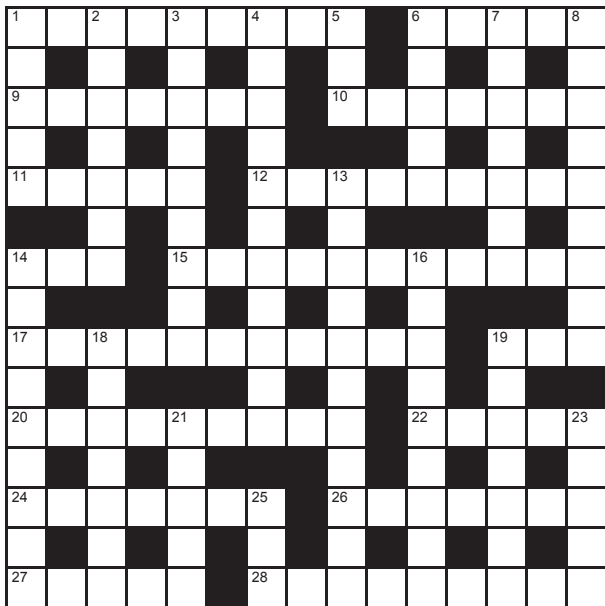
ACROSS

- 1 One may go off fruit (9)
- 6 Headless ghosts in the underworld (5)
- 9 Team game using table tennis items (7)
- 10 A rheumatic pain? Penny has to leave plant (7)
- 11 Girl concealing black snake (5)
- 12 Plane – this one has brightly-coloured wings (5,4)
- 14 Set eyes on tailless sow (3)
- 15 Mainstay goes round the bend by pitch (11)
- 17 Not bad, male friend of Cinderella almost exactly right (2,3,6)
- 19 Restrain, for the most part, aggressive mongrel (3)
- 20 Role hasn't changed dramatist (9)
- 22 Punter initially enthusiastic about horse (5)
- 24 Ignorant, one female in Paris describing a state of conflict (7)
- 26 I am no longer fashionable in cul-de-sac (7)

- 27 Clean clothes (5)
- 28 Terrible crimes – social worker exposes culprit (9)

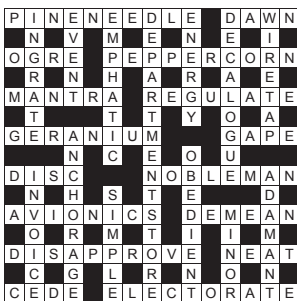
DOWN

- 1 Grass, an informant originally employed by policeman (5)
- 2 Striking little number heading chart (7)
- 3 Run from farm in a dell in flood (9)
- 4 Survive in tug all the way across (4,7)
- 5 The Spanish catching English fish (3)
- 6 Pigeon in front in race (5)
- 7 Top game (7)
- 8 Son unwilling to carry animal (5,4)
- 13 Simple to enter honours course in vast parts of North America (5,6)
- 14 Give one a tour of large display site, gallons having been drained off (4,5)
- 16 Make smoother using piece of soap and rag (9)
- 18 A model may be in a Puccini opera with Spoletta (central part) (2,5)
- 19 All the players holding an ace in card game (7)
- 21 Approaches tight sort of bend (5)
- 23 Finished first in tight Open (5)
- 25 Some squirrel monkeys in wood (3)

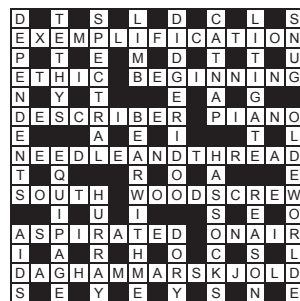


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