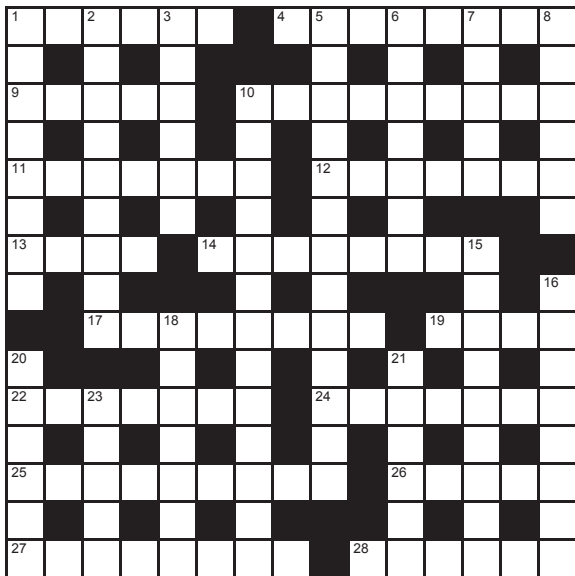


CROSSWORD

No. 14,551 Set by MAGWITCH



JOTTER PAD



ACROSS

- 1 It strips plants of copper thrown away outside (6)
- 4 Identify backing number to help with middle of set (8)
- 9 Place of this solution in the grid! (5)
- 10 Practical Eric gets muddled without an agenda (9)
- 11 Close down second dwelling of a poor standard (4,3)
- 12 Invalid is less than semi-insentient following stroke (7)
- 13 After half a mile roadside verges turn into mud (4)
- 14 Protected her after he left during love affair with boy (8)
- 17 Judge in English Chancery without opportunity for cleaning things up (8)
- 19 Make slow progress in the opening parts of championship (4)
- 22 Part of milk production process limited by waste (7)
- 24 Harsh EU rates are ridiculous (7)
- 25 Spoil Green politician beset by bout of illness (9)
- 26 Take responsibility for fuss over exercise (5)
- 27 Marine reptile found wriggling in eastern Kansas and Europe (3,5)
- 28 Grounds for disloyalty after beheading (6)

DOWN

- 1 Isolated rumour of amount lent by a few (8)

- 2 Victor or William (9)
- 3 Train speed limit initially restricts its noise (6)
- 5 I appear on trip drunk and unfit (13)
- 6 Sparkly decoration is discarded waste after midnight (7)
- 7 True love can be fantastic (5)
- 8 Rouse former lover to issue a court summons (6)
- 10 Where to find information on recommendation to make a reservation (9,4)
- 15 Insecure police officer conceals indignation over old uniform (9)
- 16 Aren't the sick put at risk? (8)
- 18 He searches lakes and rivers for abusive French person (7)
- 20 Criticised after leaving me behind with drugs runners (6)
- 21 Leak found in back of storage space unfortunately (6)
- 23 Firm's top man is above a drink (5)

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