

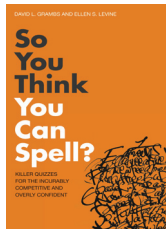
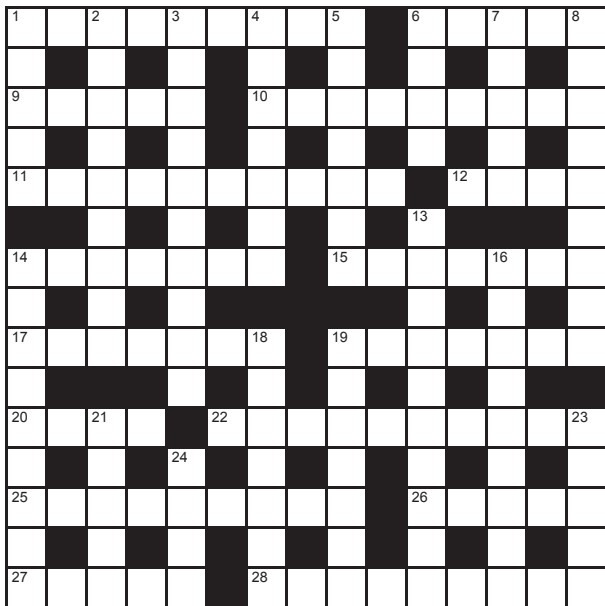
Crossword 14,541 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Government department's old piece (9)
- 6 City viewed from the east or west (5)
- 9 Jalopy with hole, almost finished (5)
- 10 Party entertained by song after opening of Chinese restaurant (9)
- 11 Figure among names passing statute is game (4,6)
- 12 Audibly filthy bird (4)
- 14 Rozzer arrests first of miscreants, then whichever two, apparently? (7)
- 15 Bob, say, put on first of clothes in hut (7)
- 17 Plain house astride American borders (7)
- 19 Couple touring river, that is, finding grassland (7)
- 20 Blue vehicle reversing, touching bonnet of yellow (4)
- 22 Fair search to find 2 of 4, perhaps? (6,4)
- 25 Latest race for cheap paper (9)
- 26 Sound character for orderly people? (5)
- 27 Leave for Croatian destination (5)
- 28 Going bust early, shop clowning around (9)

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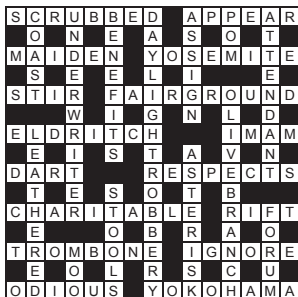
- 1 They say forty do well (5)
- 2 Domestic wine originally bottled by a monarch, drunk (9)
- 3 Level score university's maintained for one day (10)
- 4 Strange – so prodigal then? (7)
- 5 Tawdry swimmer in an aeroplane? (7)
- 6 Bird's home, partial to feet occasionally being put up (4)
- 7 Sign right into Spanish city (5)
- 8 Dessert and so on served up, including tart (9)
- 13 Outlining concerns, resentment describing roguish novel (10)
- 14 Promises from soldiers with black cats and broomsticks? (9)
- 16 Material with hole in a shade of pink (9)
- 18 Old PM has gone to pieces, about to resign (7)
- 19 Pig's first to get second dish (7)
- 21 Say I promise, it's extremely essential (5)
- 23 Minuscule state supporting supporter (5)
- 24 Double cooker (4)



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Solution 14,540

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