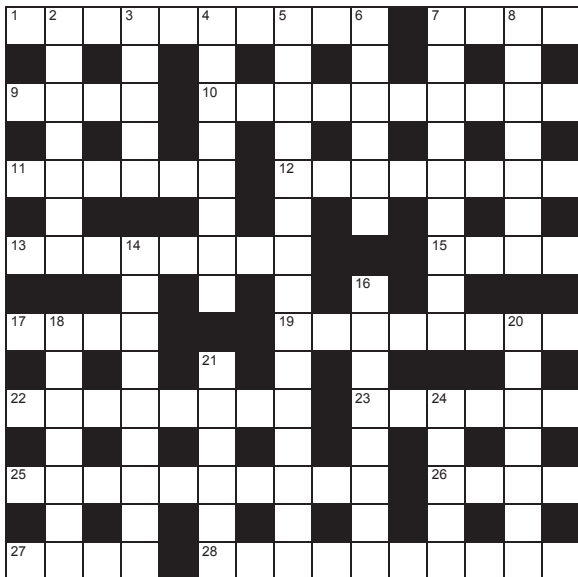


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Jabber about popular athlete (4,6)
- 7 Tier four opens bars (4)
- 9 Intercept a great deal of money coming from the east (4)
- 10 Bird getting drunk marked a low (10)
- 11 Lodger losing a skirt (6)
- 12 Deference regularly vexes king, overwhelmed by confusion (8)
- 13 Screen put around every drink's container (3,5)
- 15 Lied about being unemployed (4)
- 17 Irish county harvesting a new crop (4)
- 19 Way to get power in circuit near terminal (4,4)
- 22 Superior to suspend project (8)
- 23 Eastern model draws in publicity showing vivacity (6)
- 25 Trespasser, one breaking metal security devices (10)
- 26 Delay action, having time to replace one engineer (4)
- 27 Setter's wealth (4)
- 28 Fancy behind lad crossing river to get to Pope (10)

DOWN

- 2 Hospital computer equipment finding where the heart is to make impact (3,4)
- 3 Unenthusiatic when selection of food's served up, taking in small amount (5)

- 4 Rising inclination in our country and in France for high quality (8)
- 5 Off to tragic Ma'loula, dealing with serious injuries (15)
- 6 Travelled south across hot island (6)
- 7 Showing less severity in gentler reforms (9)
- 8 Shade over two answers, that's standard (7)
- 14 University master in taxi gets lip (9)
- 16 One who's tested dipsticks on Escort (8)
- 18 Army division has instrument dropping new food parcels (7)
- 20 Charmed with second-hand Egyptian case (7)
- 21 Worker's face with expression of contentment (6)
- 24 Prisoner in conflict, upset about authority (5)

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