

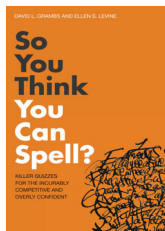
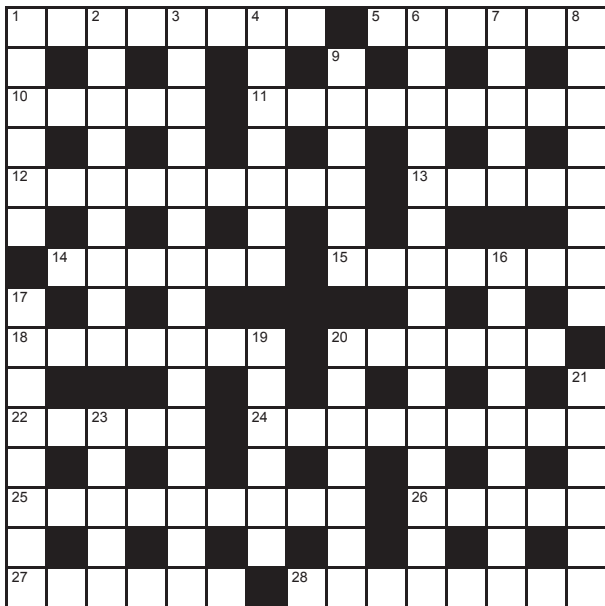
# Crossword 14,553 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Part of France expected result with Brittany, finally (8)
- 5 European endlessly featured in clip showing capital city (6)
- 10 Whole number in France, share of the profit (5)
- 11 Four times sugar spilt in European city (9)
- 12 Gold hits or awful dirge in the end OK (9)
- 13 Ashes stirred by this game (5)
- 14 Stick in money that's an imitation (6)
- 15 US city where expert has a look (7)
- 18 Writer's depression will end shortly, perhaps, capturing last character in book (7)
- 20 A number of fish streaming in here? (6)
- 22 Nation's queen not quite overthrown (5)
- 24 Possibly why large creature ultimately is a large creature (4,5)
- 25 Piece of china got by a varmint, not mint, broken (5,4)
- 26 Rule that's a comedown, it's said (5)
- 27 Tail of wet fish in a mess (6)
- 28 Red is of prime importance (8)

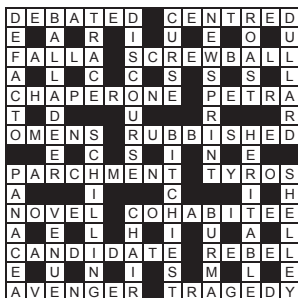
## DOWN

- 1 Something sweet restored to a gun (6)
- 2 Course people follow (9)
- 3 Queen's official looking up his remit? (10,5)
- 4 Fate stops short of one minute (7)
- 6 Was Peary the first to be so happy? (2,3,2,3,5)
- 7 First-rate joke (5)
- 8 Conflict keeping the empty little chamber in battle (8)
- 9 Great to get by in transport underwater (6)
- 16 A party allocation showing passionate allegiance (9)
- 17 Strength required to pen papers before noon – or much later? (8)
- 19 Thug from Hollywood? One's quite shallow (6)
- 20 Painting mushrooms from below, rainbows seen (7)
- 21 Fresh meat passed round the Navy (6)
- 23 Profit about right for cereal crop (5)

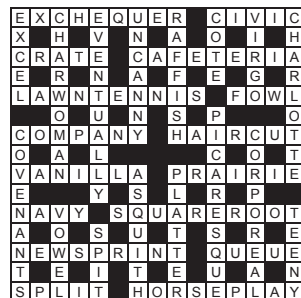


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