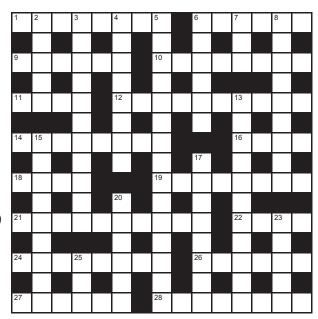
Crossword 14,511 Set by Falcon

ACROSS

- 1 Quirky caption about leader of Lords Spiritual? (8)
- **6** Extremely inexpensive pile acquired by company (6)
- 9 Leave suddenly, half of Deal affected (6)
- 10 Unorthodox type, male, to declare decision when heading off (8)
- 11 Useless person's short jacket, not trendy (4)
- **12** City not backing London-born writer (10)
- 14 I can't remember new names before first clue given (8)
- **16** No end of prime French cheese (4) 18 Group of musicians, patriots at heart (4)
- **19** What Everest is, most importantly (5.3)
- 21 Chardonnay, perhaps foul? Bad, ten poured out inside (3.2.5)
- 22 Runs into large two-masted ship
- 24 Jam found in pupil's first book! (8) **26** Outspoken, shocking court (6)
- 27 Prophet is excellent, a leader of Hebrews (6)
- 28 Head after type showing benevolence (8)

DOWN

- 2 Subject, for example, in piece of fiction (5)
- 3 History of song on disc? (5,6)
- 4 It's not easy providing a spread indoors? (2,6)
- 5 Series of adverts showing business opportunity (10,5)
- 6 Rodent circling it, a hole (6)
- **7** Part of cereal plant to get cut (3)
- 8 Striking place around London station? Not very (9)
- 13 Ruthless plutocrat and peer going after thief (6.5)
- 15 Get artist to enter The Red Planet in carnival (5.4)
- 17 Act I put on for Greek god (8) 20 Stiffness shown by sailor in school
- 23 Bone in shin, cushioned (5)
- 25 Runner fell? Almost (3)





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