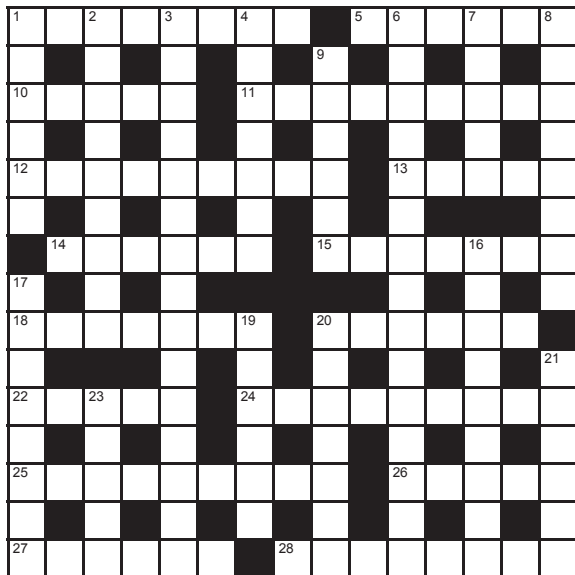


CROSSWORD

No. 16,215 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Some pieces of music played in hall (eg Rossini) (8)
- 5 Insignificant individual, quiet, terribly prim (6)
- 10 Roman squad left Italian WWII battle, having lost an indefinite number (5)
- 11 Being 50, ace leader of musical gang retired, Eisenhower's dead ringer (4-5)
- 12 Piano group covering *Deck of Cards* singer, mostly (4,5)
- 13 Long period of time before noon (5)
- 14 Gran is going out looking dishevelled (2,4)
- 15 Mortification of Greek placed in restraint (7)
- 18 Sit back, taking in old-fashioned healthy infusions (7)
- 20 Substitute always running back, tackling Salah (6)
- 22 Posh crackers for a yen? (5)
- 24 Military body to give guns to Young Conservative men: an afterthought (4,5)
- 25 First off: Uncle Sam union to be wound up, everyone agreed (9)
- 26 Love three musical notes (5)
- 27 In Turkey, final destination unknown (6)
- 28 One dead and buried in the ground alone (8)

DOWN

- 1 Like featuring revolting *Bild* off-the-cuff comments? (2-4)

- 2 Baez's only weakness? She has a terrible work ethic (9)
- 3 Regaining my mood, playing a classic song (7,2,2,4)
- 4 Loire city lists other ranks first (7)
- 6 A gifted songwriter? Yeah, magic choral works (5,10)
- 7 Independent area hosting small business somewhere in the Balearics (5)
- 8 Quiet knight, tense, suppressing rising anger with child (8)
- 9 Defined as "tall, blond, blue-eyed" in lexicon (or dictionary) (6)
- 16 A floating asset moving between banks (9)
- 17 Begin to comprehend taking drugs regularly – it's magical! (8)
- 19 Salt water, lad? (6)
- 20 Famous Egyptian recipe's beginning with ground sesame (7)
- 21 Old machine gun emplacement above Dutch North Sea port (6)
- 23 Find time to compete (5)

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