

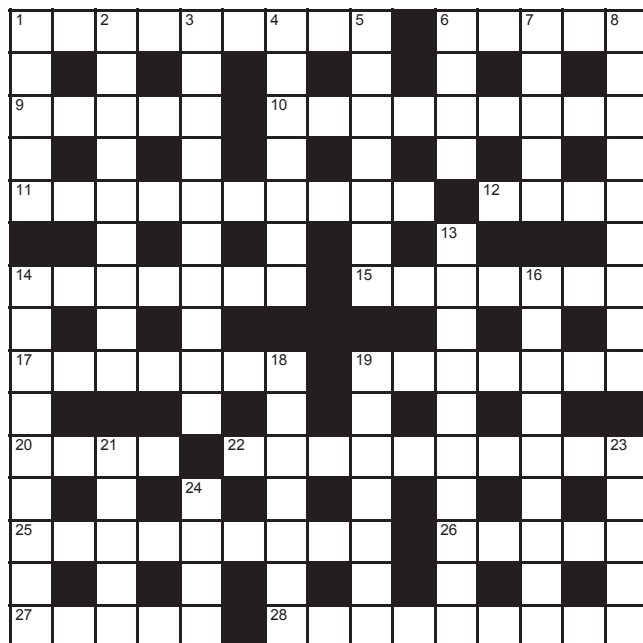
Crossword 15,755 Set by Mudd

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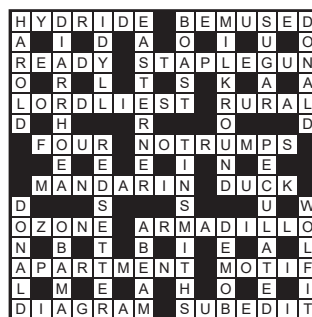
- 1 Flower, bottom part raised, we hear? (9)
- 6 Erect – but it may be knocked over (3,2)
- 9 Digit so short, then doctor required (5)
- 10 Next to a pine, plane (9)
- 11 Fish ends in a stew eaten by urban musician (3,7)
- 12 Get lost in daydreams, Hoovering (4)
- 14 Container containing old drawing (7)
- 15 Looking west, one piece borders on Burundi, a country in Africa (7)
- 17 Expected result with bargain vegetable (7)
- 19 Found in hat, head of large fish (7)
- 20 Burn rubber plant (4)
- 22 Only a little flash, perhaps, no Cannes do! (10)
- 25 Bully astronaut, moving gun to the back (6-3)
- 26 Loathe a dull type endlessly going around hospital (5)
- 27 Approaching end of daylight, what comes next? (5)
- 28 Shenanigans, as poser rolls around with first of ladies in the grass (9)

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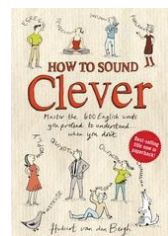
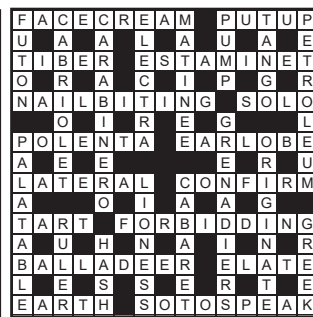
- 1 Half-hearted, cold, vicious dog? (5)
- 2 Jupiter below in the ranks, initially (9)
- 3 Pimento, on getting pickled, full of black stout (10)
- 4 Climbing equipment affected, mountaineer ultimately held on (7)
- 5 Substance in meat for container absorbing energy (7)
- 6 Contact that's in the book (4)
- 7 Point finally off top of pin (5)
- 8 Fear something with teeth, did you say? Old reptile (9)
- 13 Work made it more excessive (10)
- 14 Cheat touring a European city in sumptuous clothing (9)
- 16 Promise between two people, both having later broken (9)
- 18 Old king – just character, might you say? (7)
- 19 Slip in a loaf (7)
- 21 Shoot last of bullets over puritan (5)
- 23 Local game for a US hat (5)
- 24 Flier in binder (4)



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