

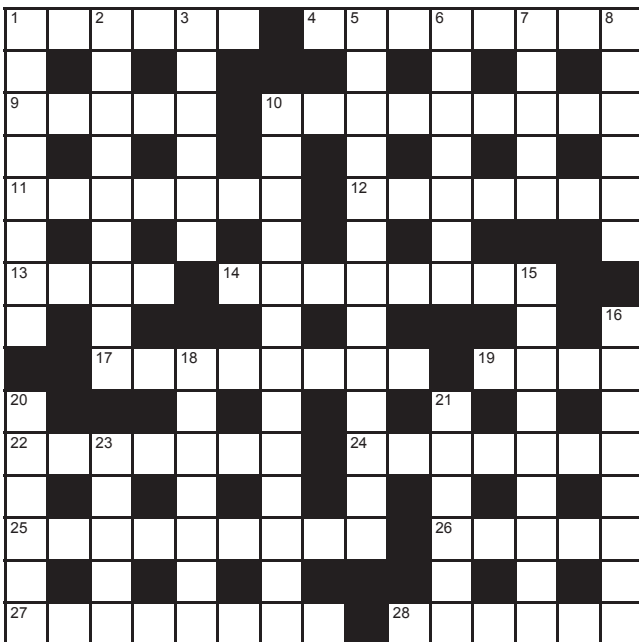
Crossword 16,496 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Lift up by prayer, primarily? (6)
 4 Leading, Nehru is remarkably good (8)
 9 Scratching head, more stupid then (5)
 10 Grant almost all gone, value of cash changes (9)
 11 Knowing costing, upset (7)
 12 Touring America, interested in Texas city (7)
 13 Nothing in tabloid, looking back, is common sense (4)
 14 Start of week busy for African city (8)
 17 Ruby fastener found in river (8)
 19 Taste of fruit, say, recollected in wine (4)
 22 Absolutely ludicrously hot inside baked dish that's flipped over (3,4)
 24 Passed on, put down in grass (7)
 25 Not entirely friendly, lorry almost hemmed in (9)
 26 Bluish-grey fruit bowl's back (5)
 27 Want person so badly (8)
 28 God, a top leader on Olympus (6)

DOWN

- 1 Factory bagging dope, booming (8)
 2 Jittery start for United – might that be played on? (9)
 3 Ill feeling scoffing first bit of repulsive brownie (6)
 5 Struggling out there, as hampered by tricky wind (13)
 6 Old screw shut a drain (7)
 7 Alarm shortly arising over document, in the end irrelevant (5)
 8 Emerald Isle's ultimate author (6)
 10 Big splash as sovereign dethroned? (8,5)
 15 Truly is an awful cocktail! (5,4)
 16 Very popular Indian dish, doubly hot essential ingredients? (8)
 18 Straighten a line: rule round it (7)
 20 Quickly get game finished (4,2)
 21 Woman's undergarment lifted, showing boob (4-2)
 23 Somewhat robust or solid body (5)



Solution 16,495

B	A	B	Y	F	A	C	E	P	I	Q	U	E	T
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