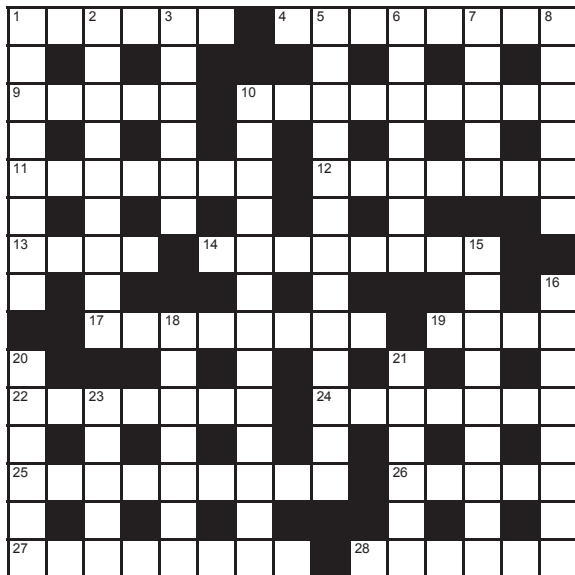


CROSSWORD

No. 16,097 Set by PETO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Rapidly changing US port (6)
- 4 Overjoyed by quote about taking in abandoned cats (8)
- 9 About to prepare for an attack (5)
- 10 Develop a way to check the origin of merchandise entering Ireland (9)
- 11 Calling for volunteers at end of event in Swiss town (7)
- 12 Extremely vulnerable after English soldiers make chase (7)
- 13 Former pupil starts to object even as it's played (4)
- 14 Characteristic of possessions collectively (8)
- 17 Seabird circling cold region somewhere in New Zealand (8)
- 19 Unattached and available (4)
- 22 Chinese scepticism reported by charity (7)
- 24 Settles for just less eventually in court (5,2)
- 25 Result in dress being thrown together (9)
- 26 Writer distraught after wife leaves for judge (5)
- 27 Avoid in part backing favourites (8)
- 28 Footman's deficiency Pepys regularly ignored (6)

DOWN

- 1 Get high on it for a short time before regularly taking crack (4,4)
- 2 Dance star following manager to Australia (5,4)

- 3 Act without restraint in rental property near Split (3,3)
- 5 Agreeing with second report revised to include Norway (13)
- 6 Set off with 26 Germans on board (7)
- 7 Right about excellent mounting on American's jewelled headband (5)
- 8 Cunning Brexiteer speaking in support of Chequers at first (6)
- 10 When everyone's out of kilter knight agrees to change (7,6)
- 15 Standard in vehicle set up with gear changing device (9)
- 16 Risk finding padre cavorting with Joy (8)
- 18 Vexed by Jesse oddly missing with punches (7)
- 20 Peto absorbed in Welshman's poems (6)
- 21 Only some remember that old lace collar (6)
- 23 Defenceless king strangled by cleric from behind (5)

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