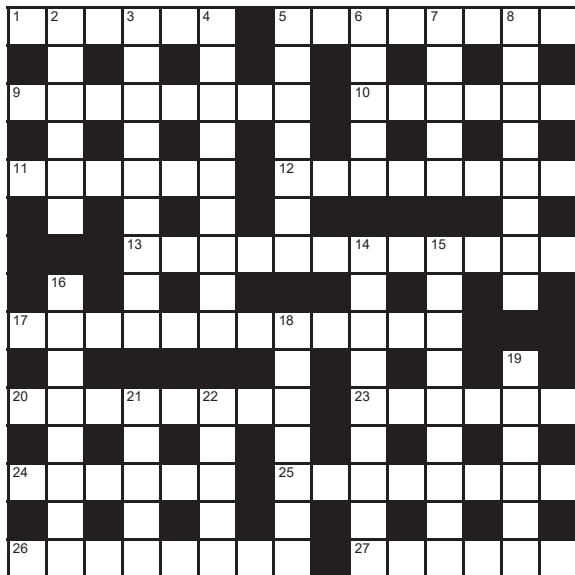


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,695 Set by ARTEXLEN



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Bought furniture to hold kid (6)
- 5 Poodle is going nuts near water (8)
- 9 Aware of Cockney's ambition, yen to stop inadequacy (4-4)
- 10 Roughly take down revolutionary leader (6)
- 11 Not in show, dame discontented (6)
- 12 Bust heaving very brazen (8)
- 13 Plant hybrid more are using (4,8)
- 17 Note, after slaughter, reduced countries for final stages (12)
- 20 Best lute I am playing with time inside (8)
- 23 Coveted object receives bid (6)
- 24 Fibre to remain rigid, having internal resistance (6)
- 25 Spooner's minor road excavation on major route (8)
- 26 Popular plant, very big, for hostile locations (8)
- 27 Kebab comes from this dirty place around end of block (6)

### DOWN

- 2 Back up when pierced by Greek character's sword (6)
- 3 Musical instrument carried by idol in Birmingham (5,4)
- 4 One's yard's tidied for period of bright weather (3,6)

- 5 Waffle not turnover taken from London station (7)
- 6 Main residents of Windsor Castle (5)
- 7 Second place containing oil to blow up (5)
- 8 Dragging around two short jockeys (5-3)
- 14 Men on board circling lake to find breeding-places (9)
- 15 Van is hell travelling round US city (9)
- 16 Shot home for some news (8)
- 18 Minute drops in parent's drinks container (7)
- 19 This writer disheartened orphan, the rotter (6)
- 21 Very angry buccaneer heading off (5)
- 22 Top praise – People's Poet (5)

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