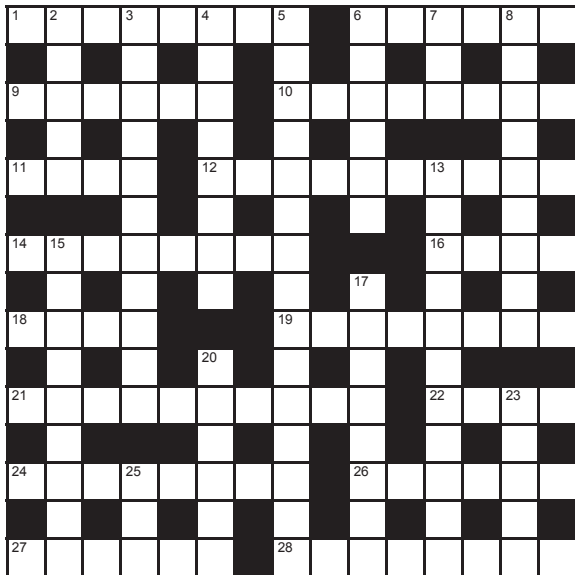


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,897 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Article on eccentric American mum that's spicy (8)
- 6 Hour in work giving excitement (6)
- 9 World – go after it! (6)
- 10 European member in time to assign (8)
- 11 Reserve some still water (4)
- 12 The French people submit – it's awful (10)
- 14 Little fellow to hitchhike covering miles (3,5)
- 16 Composer drops in for mutton slice (4)
- 18 Doomed sewer in Herculaneum I'm inside (4)
- 19 Root finally cracked Belgian concrete (8)
- 21 Supports deal reportedly? Not in a big way! (10)
- 22 Horseless champion succeeded in love (4)
- 24 Confusing note with others? (4-4)
- 26 Title accepted by the Spanish Crown Protector? (6)
- 27 One smooth student's to get in for Easter? (6)
- 28 27 town boy holsters weapon (8)

### DOWN

- 2 Mission accomplished – like another mission – on all fronts (5)

- 3 Orwellian concept from twin not convincing king (11)
- 4 Spartan king elevated among usual enemies (8)
- 5 Passionate sailor snares me – totally captivating female? (6,9)
- 6 Story books for able people (6)
- 7 Heroin perhaps unopened in wrap (3)
- 8 Flyer unusually low after drop (6,3)
- 13 Geographical mix-up missing capital in Philippines? (11)
- 15 As some layers – over six – on Greek island that ships uranium (9)
- 17 Spilt ink and water that often covers blouses etc (8)
- 20 When news is on TV daughter's to listen (6)
- 23 Public upset after vase lost (5)
- 25 Muse having to leave for day (3)

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