

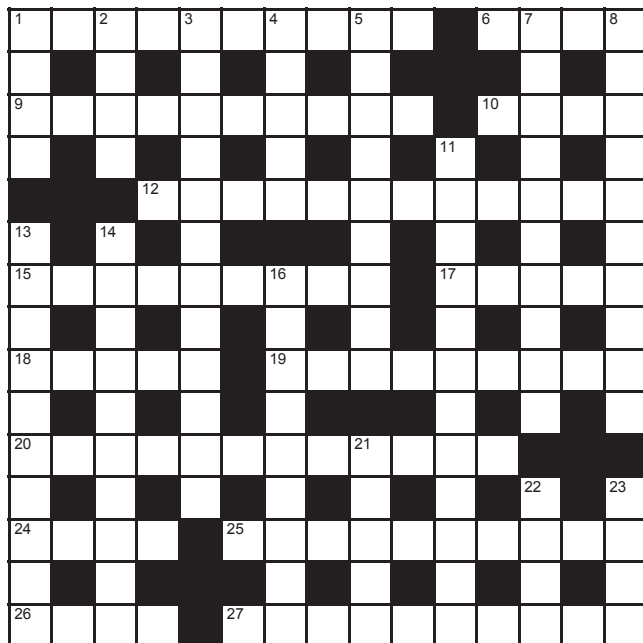
# Crossword 15,868 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Geisha and mother in disguise, ending in Japan (10)
- 6 Old Tom's detailed work (4)
- 9 A noted course of study? (10)
- 10 Large number missing Thor's appeal (4)
- 12 Suggested trade-in going as instructed? (5-7)
- 15 One wrested from server, sweet game (5,4)
- 17 Somewhat unspectacular, goalkeeper's speed (5)
- 18 Broadcast finished, delivered (5)
- 19 Rake in money at first, as deal made (6,3)
- 20 Stuff fit for the sewer, book penned by Hardy here as out of order? (12)
- 24 Tight result constituency returned (4)
- 25 British nationals primarily dropping back a couple of places, as Europeans (10)
- 26 Not a sausage from Bologna – Dagenham! (4)
- 27 Train in front of her travels miles ahead initially – try to catch it? (10)

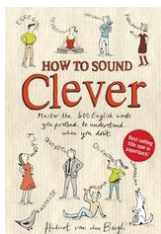
## DOWN

- 1 Border on soft fibre (4)
- 2 Home open, not house (4)
- 3 Merrier boy requiring WC desperately, in little drinking establishment (12)
- 4 Going over obstacle, popular bay (5)
- 5 Delight of failing a number of times more? (9)
- 7 One's a nana! (10)
- 8 Supporter with aim to find view (10)
- 11 Revolvers in every direction under belligerent leader (4-8)
- 13 Alert activated (8,2)
- 14 Show plan said to be heartless, inspiring Conservative swine (10)
- 16 Painting taken abroad on right ship (3,6)
- 21 Treasure formidable banking opportunity at first (5)
- 22 Drop a story that's old (4)
- 23 Worn in shade, sunglasses lifted (4)



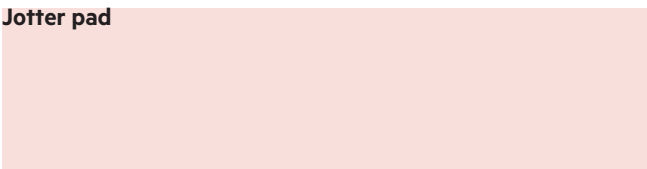
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