

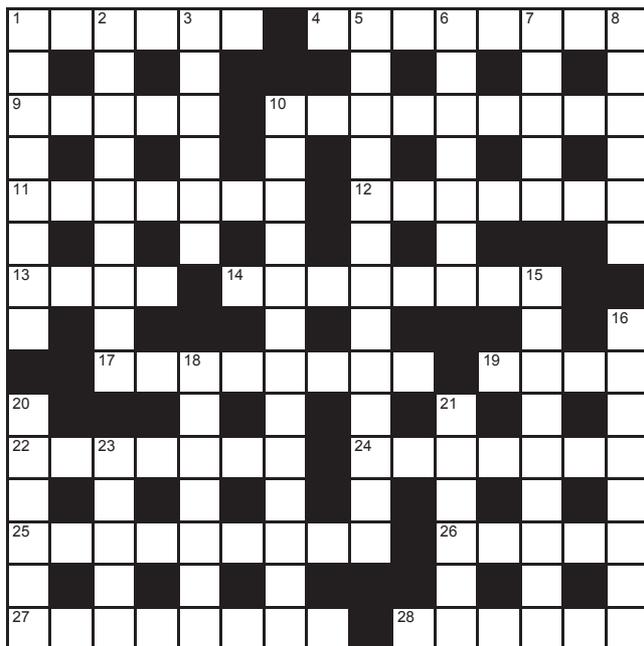
Crossword 16,236 Set by Alberich

ACROSS

- 1 Simple clothing article, close to being skimpy (6)
- 4 Bliss perhaps from business model netting millions (8)
- 9 Refuse to sleep around randomly, for a start (5)
- 10 Not interested in what unpaid creditor will do? (9)
- 11 Before ten, companion takes ever so long (7)
- 12 I step out to get the French letter (7)
- 13 Drop by, having time for reunion at last (4)
- 14 Chaps try, losing heart, to keep everything in mind (8)
- 17 One among deacons possibly? (8)
- 19 Copy is in Czech originally (4)
- 22 One's seen in the bedroom, having close relationship (7)
- 24 I give up consuming Tango, a cold drink (4,3)
- 25 Wag largely lent regime colour (4,5)
- 26 Voodoo priestess's dance (5)
- 27 Set off to see around college (8)
- 28 Mean to do last of laundry (6)

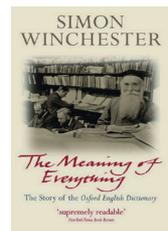
DOWN

- 1 Give treatment to referee nursing cold (8)
- 2 A clue for 4 mentioned previously? (9)
- 3 Engineers deal with repair (6)
- 5 Arrangement as an alternative Treasury budget (13)
- 6 Friend embraces one following craft fair? No (7)
- 7 Jam sandwiches initially raised amusement (5)
- 8 Chicken perhaps served without a roll (6)
- 10 Lie spread with men not seen very much at home (2,4,7)
- 15 Maybe Chichester Cathedral's leader wears many hats at work (9)
- 16 Corrupt a politician capable of revolution (8)
- 18 After a month suffering, Yankee cut a figure (7)
- 20 Engineer missing wife and daughter gets cornered (6)
- 21 Pass through university (6)
- 23 Old woman aboard boat returned compass (5)



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