

Crossword 15,892 Set by Mudd

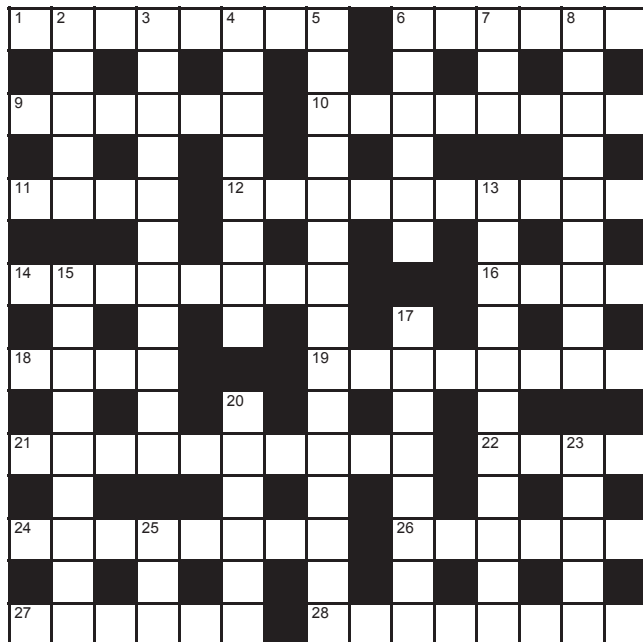
ACROSS

- 1 Popular curry, say? (3,5)
- 6 Lacking hat, fedora initially brought in (6)
- 9 I appreciate that planet doesn't need an earth sign (6)
- 10 Check opening for coin again? (8)
- 11 Oven, one left in empty kitchen (4)
- 12 The preserve of the frustrated driver? (7,3)
- 14 Vagrant so cold, he being taught a lesson (8)
- 16 Insect in trap having lost focus? (4)
- 18 Not for any novice, terrifying initiation starts (4)
- 19 Religious leader in church after greeting special revolutionary (8)
- 21 Old monument then goes with new, not entirely surprisingly (10)
- 22 Host stupid to snub introduction (4)
- 24 Middle Eastern capital where one follows early growth in biblical king (3,5)
- 26 Sentimental – daft about romance, primarily (6)

- 27 Possible allergen I removed from pie, fish sent back (6)
- 28 Heart not in it, due to collect blankets – one tidying bed, say? (8)

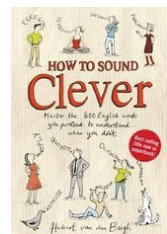
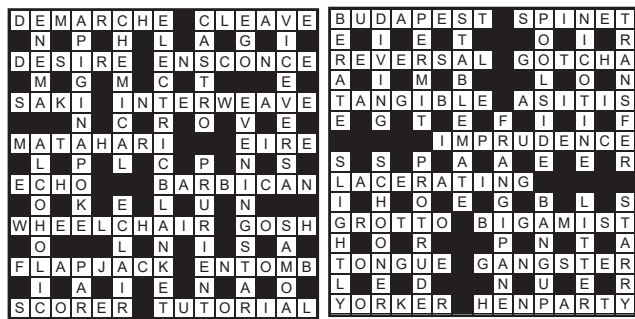
DOWN

- 2 Asian soon for promotion? (5)
- 3 Vegetable: bound to get on repeatedly planting one (6,5)
- 4 Lunettes cracked – bother! (8)
- 5 Progressive, hard-working FT management hiding at home (7-8)
- 6 Cheese and fish oddly in underwear (6)
- 7 Turn on leader in vain (3)
- 8 Awesome worker taking drink in Liverpool, say? (9)
- 13 Inhabiting shelter, a tramp I gathered getting better perhaps? (11)
- 15 Copper racket sound (9)
- 17 Back freed after wiggling around bottom (8)
- 20 Foil in edges of teeth, horrible lump (6)
- 23 Producer of seed around top of pine tree (5)
- 25 European briefly achieving a degree of proficiency in judo, say? (3)



Solution 15,891

Solution 15,880



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