

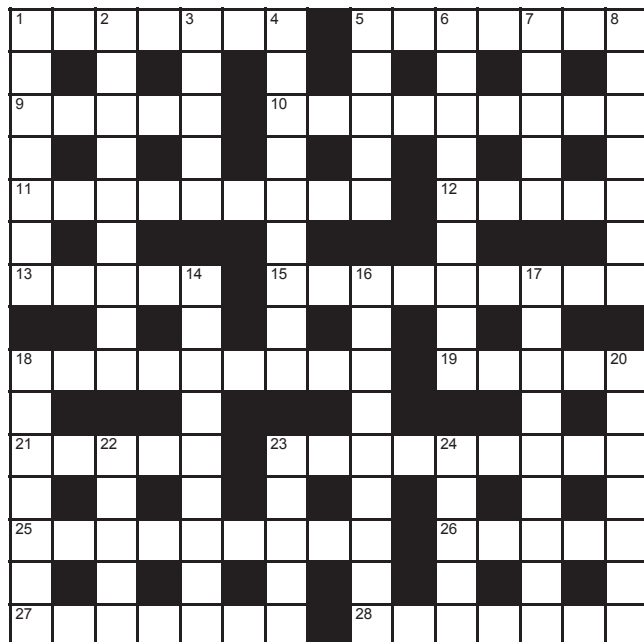
# Crossword 15,773 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Pa supple, however, for a dog? (7)
- 5 Last worker to get a drink (7)
- 9 Admiral, male taking instinctively to water? (5)
- 10 Horrible participating in a putsch? (9)
- 11 Awkward tangle in middle of web after weaving (9)
- 12 Block when batting, then caught (5)
- 13 Casualty after fine thread (5)
- 15 Opponent very sad, a competitor finally beaten (9)
- 18 Someone eating very little fruit (9)
- 19 Arrest Catholic extremists, did you say? (5)
- 21 Token nocturnal animal having tail docked (5)
- 23 One swallowing a tree drinking western liquor! (9)
- 25 Rigid tails, nice when wagging (9)
- 26 D-desire to dump (5)
- 27 Novel held, I'm not sure book held will be put down (7)
- 28 Beginning to eat fast, Mudd getting trapped wind, perhaps (7)

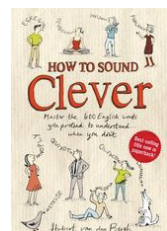
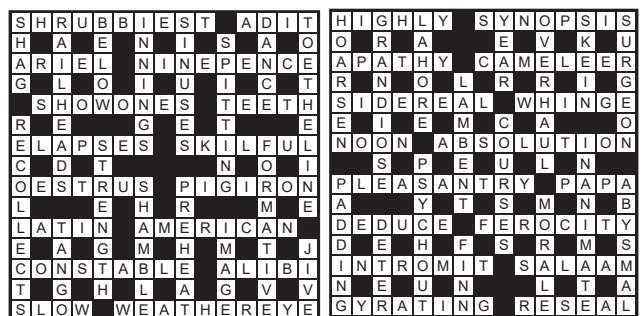
## DOWN

- 1 Tummy, if here? (7)
- 2 Players' entrance, where male journalist and Australian native turned up (5,4)
- 3 Fury, one having no head for peace (5)
- 4 Safety device I placed on concrete in rural property (4,5)
- 5 Heading for cheetah, I check out catlike carnivore (5)
- 6 Third of poachers feeling awful standing among pheasants perhaps, pocketing game (9)
- 7 Dishonest swimmer given unknown injection? (5)
- 8 Girl they upset having expended energy, for good reason (7)
- 14 Green Party supporting leader in scandal, one involved in sleaze (9)
- 16 Bodily chamber opening, contamination's first found in gall (9)
- 17 Great thinker once designing toilets south of the centre of Kilmarnock (9)
- 18 Local liberal is last to finish, so put out (7)
- 20 One's heard within this ethos a right to change (7)
- 22 Vision, draft initially put on paper (5)
- 23 Foul in football? Expect trouble in derby, all kicking off (5)
- 24 Club, where wife evidently nervous? (5)



## Solution 15,772

## Solution 15,761



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