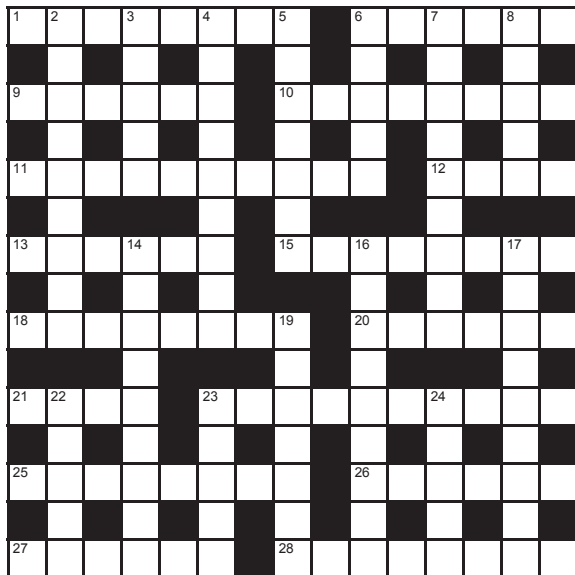


CROSSWORD

No. 16,306 Set by ORENSE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Sweet and innocent girl's hugged by youth in charge (8)
- 6 Settle around end of year and hunker down (6)
- 9 Hot line in forged notes (6)
- 10 Former prime minister dismissing leader and southern Asians (8)
- 11 The effect of giving up meat the day after Christmas? (4,6)
- 12 Right hand clenches when disregarding danger (4)
- 13 Rock band's first American season (6)
- 15 Annoys son – that's uncalled-for! (8)
- 18 Company present books as easy to understand (8)
- 20 Reserve must accept wrong grounding (6)
- 21 Slip made by small child (4)
- 23 Make a world suitable for a flyer (10)
- 25 Cob in mist looks nervous under this initially (8)
- 26 Feature of group given task (6)
- 27 Hint to English – tread carefully! (6)
- 28 These will make sense as murder planned (8)

DOWN

- 2 Controversial situation sees a couple of tomatoes added to stew (3,6)
- 3 Free to admit the French must be annoyed (5)

- 4 Formal dinner and drink without a place to sit (9)
- 5 Smart, understanding part of clutch (7)
- 6 Food needed by copper on right lines (5)
- 7 Vetoes laws subject to insurance starting late (9)
- 8 Carpenter beginning to chase joints (5)
- 14 Change the last word on workers in case of deficit (9)
- 16 Exaggerate stitch (9)
- 17 My ingress disturbed the effect of group action (9)
- 19 Food from kiln eaten by tribe, oddly (7)
- 22 Sikh – a kind wrapping cloth (5)
- 23 Rodents can pick up last of rotten food (5)
- 24 Time will be invested in genuine revolutionary in due course (5)

Solution 16,305

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