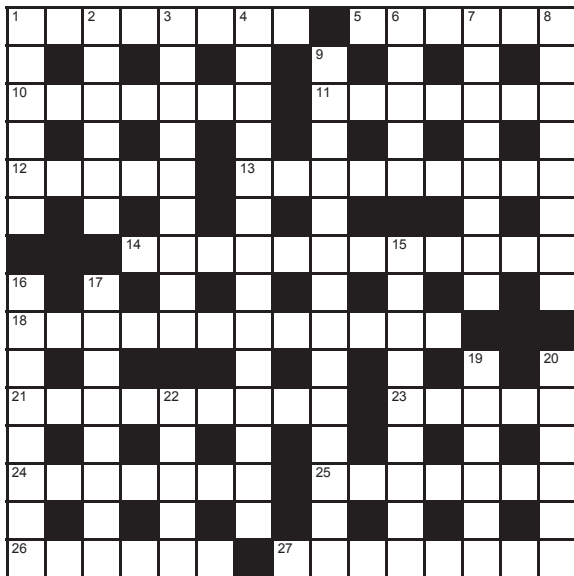


CROSSWORD

No. 15,960 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Drunk backing change – culminating point (4,4)
- 5 Noticed wings of emus of multiple colours (6)
- 10 Give account of origins of normal and realistic price (7)
- 11 A card he's playing that's absurd (7)
- 12 Manage to avoid publicity inspired by Biblical lady (5)
- 13 Writer serene, not animated (9)
- 14 Nice miss using successful wine I imported (12)
- 18 Amorous fondling clasping fasteners? All one needs to get on board! (5,7)
- 21 Pay back unfortunate slumberer I left out (9)
- 23 Perfume dispatched, picked up (5)
- 24 Crazy to reverse during new road building (7)
- 25 Fuss after article opposing firm withdrawing fruit (7)
- 26 School period finishes early after local exchange (6)
- 27 Referring to mask, the French sounding alarm? (8)

DOWN

- 1 When leylandii are severely trimmed, riverside town is visible (6)
- 2 Language from harassed manager, having lost heart? (6)

- 3 Mounting some horse, maned, artist used for brand (5,4)
- 4 Less rash reader is prepared for full-scale practice (5,9)
- 6 Quarrel over eastern flood (5)
- 7 Nothing odd in fiesta, supported by inventor, a girl (8)
- 8 More boring daughter at stern? That is right (8)
- 9 Kitchen coinage unexpectedly good? (5,2,3,4)
- 15 Rock succeeded with singular quality (9)
- 16 Dispute over European joke featuring cut of pork? (5,3)
- 17 Receptacle is blocking run (8)
- 19 Happen to booze every Friday after labourers leave (just starting!) (6)
- 20 Note, very big, in Old English serving no purpose (6)
- 22 Wine store linked with, say, rising over-indulgence (5)

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