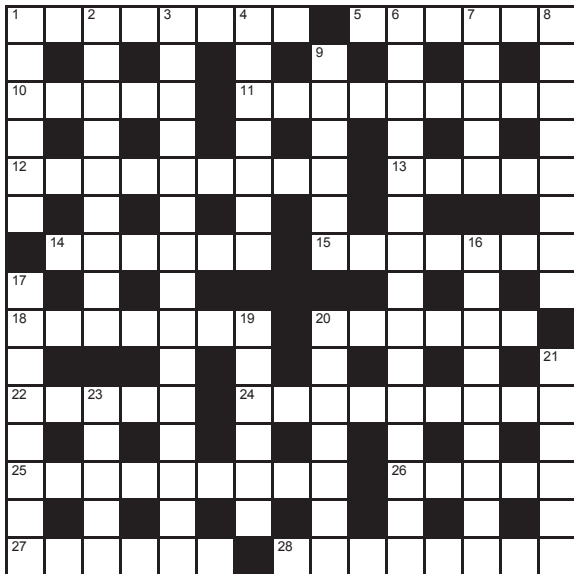


CROSSWORD

No. 15,845 Set by MUDD



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Bridle has to come down after the other things (8)
- 5 Stand against article (6)
- 10 God, the first of twelve crossword setters (5)
- 11 Flat pattern, a sort of round mat, originally (9)
- 12 Company, a fired up one, working for union (9)
- 13 Stand in front of painter covered in cellophane, as elephantine (5)
- 14 Nihilistic music managed to spoil breakfast, looking back (6)
- 15 Ultimately, exit permit is secure (7)
- 18 Get lost, as might a bee leaving its hive? (4,3)
- 20 Mistake in novels (abridged) (3-3)
- 22 One of five partners in book (5)
- 24 Bird that's not a chicken, and not crossing the road! (9)
- 25 Philosopher let loose by patrician (9)
- 26 Fancy paper on back of card (5)
- 27 Babies make a mess (6)
- 28 Tender hugs kill criminal (8)

DOWN

- 1 Pariah on plane circling Colombian capital (6)
- 2 Stanza composed about vineyard somewhere in California (5,4)
- 3 Those who are quick have won this lottery? (7,8)
- 4 Think "mother" and "her ruin"? That is about it! (7)
- 6 Don't tell anyone where to find the gatepost? (7,3,2)
- 7 Chance card game won't start (5)
- 8 Entering digit, hard to believe five hundred added up (8)
- 9 Pig that can fly? (6)
- 16 B for buffoon? (9)
- 17 Especially almighty (5,3)
- 19 Large wraps just ideal for starters, with a strip of grilled and marinated meat (6)
- 20 Cooking ingredient in reddish-brown paper (7)
- 21 Shake capitals of Italy, Russia and Turkey up (6)
- 23 Bodily circumference is murder, you might say? (5)