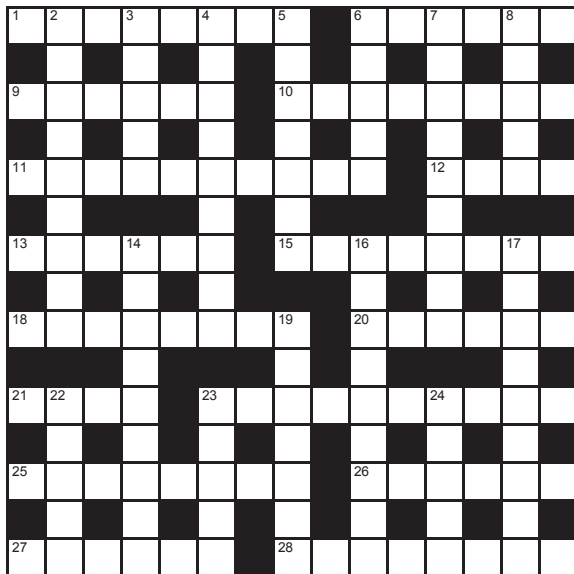


CROSSWORD

No. 16,485 Set by ZAMORCA



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Ruler's repressing over half of region (8)
- 6 Observes endless wonder in children's plaything (6)
- 9 Journalist's going to reject nothing to reach border (6)
- 10 Credit one quite original review (8)
- 11 Brief tumble with Henry on settee broke dentures (5,5)
- 12 Hiker turned back during long walk . . . (4)
- 13 . . . getting hot and sick on high ascent (6)
- 15 Bookmaker's pursuing final bets for good runner (8)
- 18 A teetotaler chap gets stick when buying drinks (2,3,3)
- 20 Smart to bandage wound with yarrow initially (6)
- 21 Wedge key behind post at side of door (4)
- 23 Scheme has one Scottish family importing bubbly Pinot (6,4)
- 25 Gone with sheep and pig heart to make meat product (8)
- 26 Take possession of old college trophy on last day (6)
- 27 Some returning Wapiti deer go back over again (2-4)
- 28 Cut down crossing between Austria and Germany (8)

DOWN

- 2 Yorkshire town's darling gets VIP treatment (3,6)
- 3 Wine's absorbed effectively opening blood vessels (5)
- 4 Man's heading off to get clobber for disco (5,4)
- 5 Abstains from upside down pudding most of school's tucked into (7)
- 6 Son has desire to be posh (5)
- 7 Sixteen converts taking on church's way of life (9)
- 8 Arizona river's deep blue (5)
- 14 Possessed trendy robe by Spain's leading designer (9)
- 16 RAF, hosting princess on round tour, cut time in wireless station (5,4)
- 17 Sick, no question, when regularly spoiled with a piece of cake (4,2,3)
- 19 Take top off container and hold it up to get wine (7)
- 22 Sleepless and feeble with no energy in hospital department (5)
- 23 Nowadays old man gets upset and tense with change (5)
- 24 Walked up and down with cigarette, gutted and gripped by writer's block (5)