

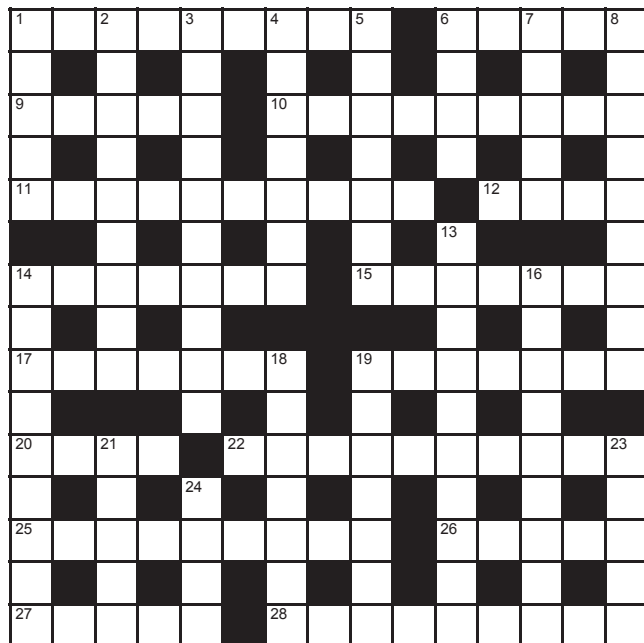
# Crossword 15,722 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Tiny crustacean with conflict to escape, did you say? (5,4)
- 6 Car heading for Morocco, note (5)
- 9 Hurriedly produce ladder – having climbed it? (3,2)
- 10 Bigoted as certain freaks (9)
- 11 Hybrid of mouse and prawn producing female with special powers! (10)
- 12 I'm surprised it's a hole in the ground (4)
- 14 Bloke took drugs, finding sea cow! (7)
- 15 Settle around Skye, perhaps, somewhere in Scotland (7)
- 17 Cut iron and silver, half destroyed (7)
- 19 Passenger vehicle was competitive, and is in reverse (7)
- 20 Beauty took the lift? (4)
- 22 It's a trading event, Elsa suggested? (6,4)
- 25 Previously in unison (2,3,4)
- 26 Lacking sun, an assortment loses moisture (5)
- 27 Count last of twenty in the box (5)
- 28 Controversial theory with men in row, for example? (9)

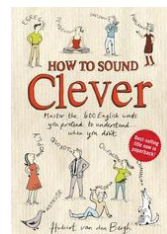
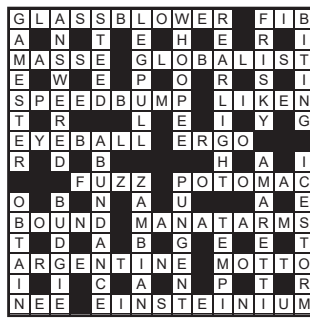
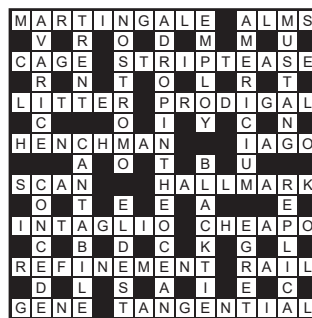
## DOWN

- 1 Tube lifted to reveal unsightly marks (5)
- 2 Gadget unable to write in a line (3-6)
- 3 Praetorian out for compensation (10)
- 4 Agile plant arising in story (7)
- 5 Under vehicle with roof sheared off, securely grip light (3,4)
- 6 Royal address that could go either way? (4)
- 7 Innocent approaching an early night, we hear? (5)
- 8 Extract on early sort of ship (9)
- 13 I know what you're thinking, there's fear in one working underground (4,6)
- 14 Short shriek contained by perfect little terror (9)
- 16 Mother's release still needed Thai, maybe, to speak out? (9)
- 18 Feed American author in to Japanese drama (7)
- 19 National issue (7)
- 21 Damage the earth to seize power (5)
- 23 Course here taken by chimney-sweep, so messy! (5)
- 24 Edges in shade, axes getting hot (4)



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