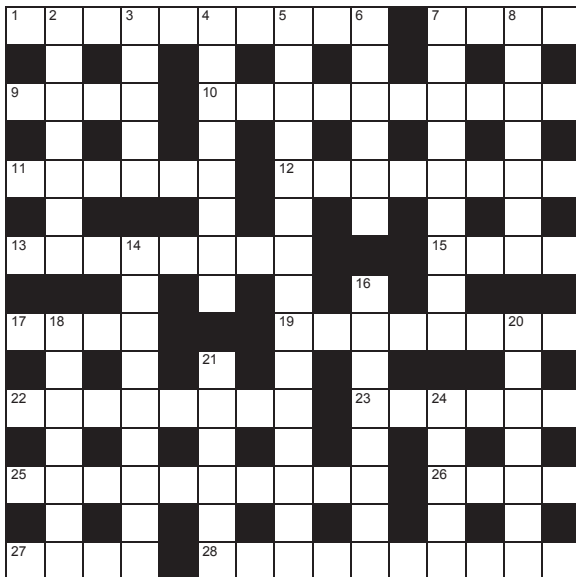


CROSSWORD

No. 16,040 Set by BRADMAN



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Detective grabs theatrical chaps making secret escape (10)
- 7 Horses are needed for this explorer (4)
- 9 Old china that is glittery with many colours (4)
- 10 Escort a man abused in US city (10)
- 11 Judge starts to castigate rogue, getting one twitching (6)
- 12 Followers given job with drinks all round (8)
- 13 Country river – help old boy to get back to it (8)
- 15 Beast making comeback in sexy romance (4)
- 17 Whale involved in major catastrophe (4)
- 19 Very brave man in club team (8)
- 22 Bit of money, two old pence now chucked or put away (4,4)
- 23 At year's end hospital department is in good order (6)
- 25 Fat couple troubled about nothing seen as inappropriate (3,2,5)
- 26 Venerable man said to provide this aid to prayer? (4)
- 27 Hastily read second novel by Kipling (4)
- 28 Provide a lift prior to work or lecture (4,2,4)

DOWN

- 2 I am pro the termination of some dreadful stores (7)
- 3 Give out set of books, missing out none of them (5)

- 4, 8 Address concern when provision depends on chance? (8,7)
- 5 Oral exam – tick man off! (11,4)
- 6 One's spouted at the meal table (6)
- 7 Being rich, one lets up foolishly (9)
- 8 See 4
- 14 Part of the company building is cleaner when Dora's worked inside it (9)
- 16 Most raucous quarrel fades over time (8)
- 18 Ox not unknown to get stuck in crag – or some other animal (7)
- 20 Rebuffs from Stormy Daniels? (7)
- 21 Sweet child – dad's favourite (6)
- 24 Length of old copper piece (5)

Solution 16,039

