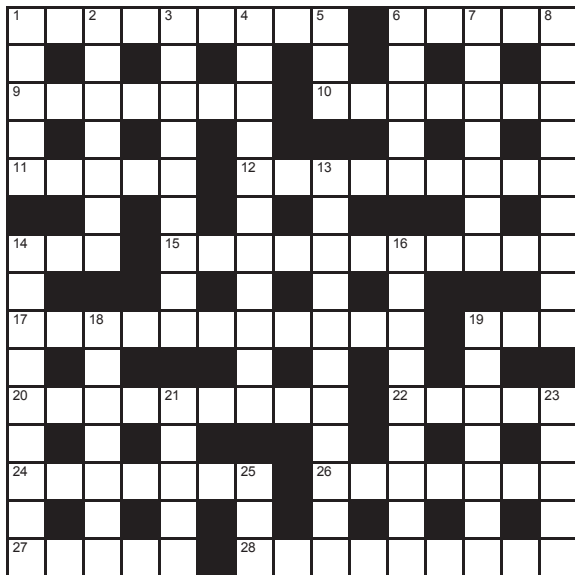


CROSSWORD

No. 15,929 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Contribute usefully in literary heroine's part? (2,4,3)
- 6 Brandish one in joint (5)
- 9 Female spies receiving praise (7)
- 10 Absorb new gen supplied by Arctic explorer (7)
- 11 Measure head (5)
- 12 Unusually trite, fine Egyptian queen (9)
- 14 Lettuce's price cut (3)
- 15 Working not compulsory, saving a lot of time? (11)
- 17 Shooting party, provided in retreat, circles courtyard (6,5)
- 19 Cause harm to planet, endlessly (3)
- 20 After end of Lent, request church working party (4,5)
- 22 Mean man conserving energy (5)
- 24 One who has stopped working on Hebridean island (7)
- 26 Native of Nazareth, former PM, losing face? (7)
- 27 A well-bred fellow broker (5)
- 28 The old lady twice breaking into reform school she once attended? (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Extremely debatable, my colour scheme (5)
- 2 Authoritative statements, so clear when translated (7)
- 3 Colour that is raised on blue quilt (9)
- 4 Egghead, having drinks with her, failing to get hard riddle (5-6)
- 5 Draw level, almost (3)
- 6 Bet earnings on first in race (5)
- 7 Feeling demonstrated by symbol Charlie left out (7)
- 8 Diane with actor Ben, one producing drink (9)
- 13 Fearful time in motion picture like *Towering Inferno* (7,4)
- 14 Ace fare it cooked? (9)
- 16 Bad taste shown during last month by old eccentric? (9)
- 18 This may be worn as a favour (7)
- 19 Actress having stitch in side, keeled over (3,4)
- 21 Earliest tree on street (5)
- 23 Earlier religious house, incomplete (5)
- 25 English artist's age (3)