## Crossword 15,779 Set by Redshank

1 Clean American shakes

2 Means to take off kit at top of

blankets (4)

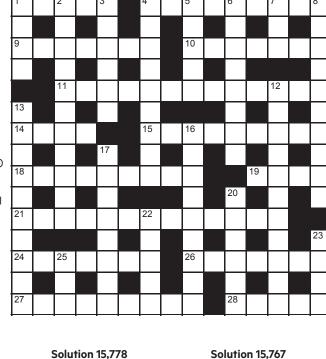
stairs? (7.4)

**ACROSS** 

1 The King is missing in Delaware? Do some digging!

4 Tie up rock half-heartedly in

## retreat, creating space (5,4) 3 Earl told story about duke **9** Dawn French, one in funny that's suppressed (6) series she's finally left (7) 4 Alien wins approval and drops 10 Country's merit realised to restricted viewing (9) some extent (7) 5 City of misguided Bretons 11 Papers I study with bird who've given up working? (5) (Yankee) on deck (8.5) 6 Flier that describes new centre 14 Four ugly odd characters to be of Bath (8) avoided in party (4) 7 It's used initially on all rivers (3) **15** A piece of drapery hides her 8 Assessments of chap's gonads top and big slip (9) promoting energy (5,5) 18 DUP's money infuriated Banksy 12 Gemstone extracted from Tyrol for one (9) cracks (4,7) 19 The last bit of Peter Rabbit is 13 Note a poet and artists ultimately axed (4) producing TV shows (4,6) 21 European banks invested in 16 Old school masters block separate main shareholder change (4,5) (6.7)17 Sloth for example in exotic 24 Painter gets help with a garden gallery (8) 20 A doctor endlessly probing ground, this one? (7) 26 Operations room which enrols moggie's condition (6) English engineers (7) 22 Boss recruits apprentices to 27 Step and cross over entrance make instrument (5) to 26 (5,4) 23 Give up broadcast on radio (4) 28 Señorita has one until decorum 25 Centre of open area's small, hides it (5) round and green (3) Copies of How to Sound Clever by Hubert van den Bergh and The Superior Person's Book of Words by Peter Bowler, published by A&C Black and Bloomsbury, will be awarded to the senders of the first three correct entries opened on Wednesday February 21. Entries marked Crossword 15.779 on the envelope, should be sent to Weekend FT. One Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on February 24. Jotter pad



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