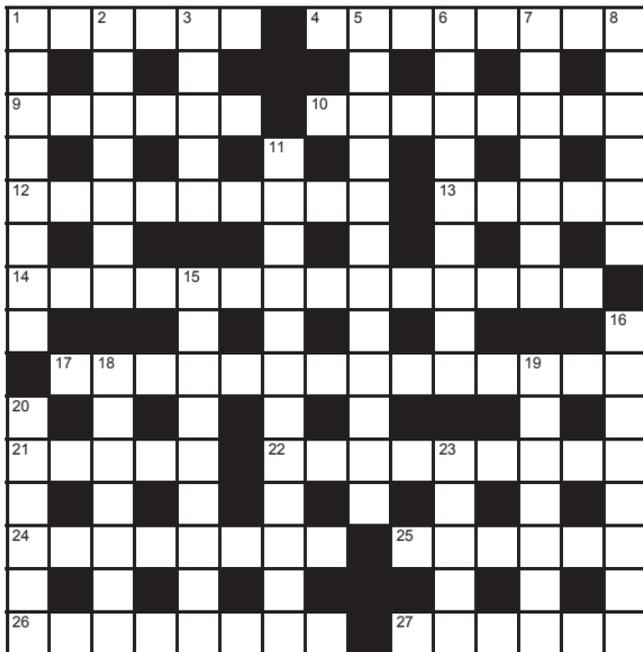


CROSSWORD

No. 16,222 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Husband presented with new Omega out of respect (6)
- 4 Group of characters in *The Rover* heading off on a venture? (8)
- 9 Repair centre (6)
- 10 Ratings cooked unknown fish (8)
- 12 What little girls may do in their home theatre? (9)
- 13 Spot wartime leader dropping piece of litter (5)
- 14 Real card tricks expected from me? (9,5)
- 17 Flee: go with dog as well direct (4,4,3,3)
- 21 Large specimen, not small (5)
- 22 Force prisoners to exercise (9)
- 24 Drink provided by Italian after a commercial traveller returned (8)
- 25 Fruit and nuts, mostly (6)
- 26 Waste long periods of time in prisons (8)
- 27 A bit each (6)

DOWN

- 1 Two instruments producing music for dance (6)
- 2 A disfigurement hidden by the old lady's cosmetic (7)
- 3 Size may be right when altered (5)

- 5 Suitably wearing much less, so don't interfere (3,4,5)
- 6 Workers not working with complete ease (5,4)
- 7 Battery found by artist aboard canal boat (7)
- 8 Hearing test in building at the end (6)
- 11 Lots go here after prices tumble? (5,7)
- 15 Juicy Argentine fruit (9)
- 16 Overwhelm in a Parisian court (8)
- 18 Lots consumed by plump teenagers (7)
- 19 Genuine trouble, reportedly, getting beer (4,3)
- 20 False report an eccentric put about (6)
- 23 Journey on foot, then miles in carriage (5)

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