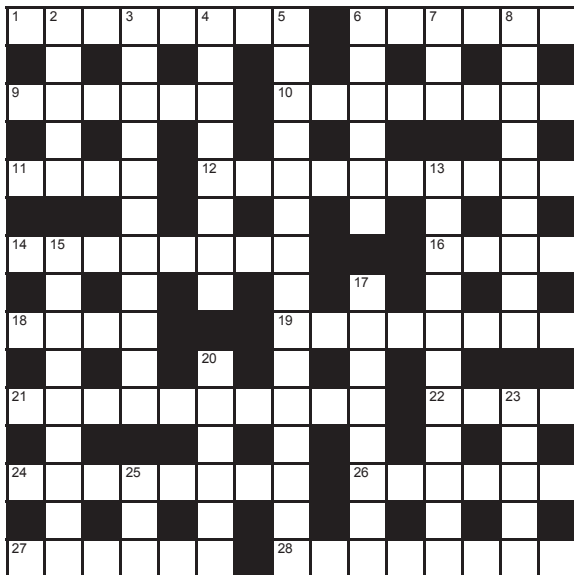


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Assortment of big tomes acquired illegally (8)
- 6 Run into trees and laugh uncontrollably (6)
- 9 New road, not old, going around Lancashire town (6)
- 10 Unsuccessful paper boss in mess backing the French (4,4)
- 11 Material left at back of court (4)
- 12 I sit in cart sprawled out, lacking elegance (10)
- 14 Team's facing question about style – not the No.1 attraction
- 16 They are charged and kept in station sometimes (4)
- 18 Worker, one who votes 'no'? (4)
- 19 Mad, bad place in which the truth resides? (8)
- 21 Writer of instructions for school getting spelling a bit wrong? (10)
- 22 Operation penetrating bone – word said when knife slips? (4)
- 24 Help returning along wiggly line (8)
- 26 Garland at front of place of crime in Dutch city (6)
- 27 Young bird starts to chirp – you get nervous, excited, tense (6)
- 28 Africans appeal for Europeans to enter (8)

DOWN

- 2 Insect in picture given different tail (5)
3 Person holding American playwright to be confusing (11)

- 4 Deadly contest good fun somehow? Right not to begin (8)
- 5 Move towards fans quixotically? (4,2,9)
- 6 Reluctant to talk about US university achieving harmony (6)
- 7 Cruel king – he is lacking instrument of punishment (3)
- 8 Coastline irregular in parts (9)
- 13 Famous institution newly established in this mansion (11)
- 15 Downtown area you see with deficit, yes! (5,4)
- 17 Beginning to want electronic device, being scared (8)
- 20 Good girl over time becomes greedy person (6)
- 23 Urge to be in corps of journalists (5)
- 25 Dope showing elements of ingenuity (3)

Solution 16.252

