

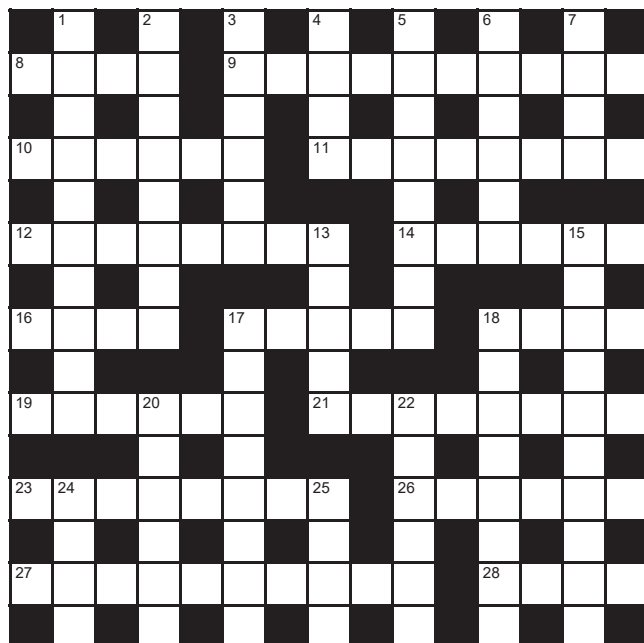
Crossword 15,734 Set by Goliath

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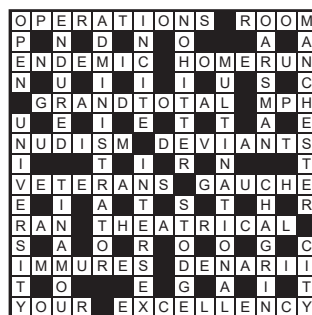
- 8** Vows left to false god (4)
9 It's standard in Orkneys, perhaps, to be a curtain twicher (4,6)
10 King rejecting the other king (6)
11 Possible clue for S... (8)
12 Assist old boy with coat heading to West Country (8)
14 Silly dunderhead's rewritten lines (6)
16 Nest – having more than one would be rash (4)
17 Within a second, nosebag is empty (5)
18 Golf course reported wild animal (4)
19 Perhaps heady years to begin with? (6)
21 No granny may be free to kiss Nick or Tom's heads (4,4)
23 Coerce into serving the city (8)
26 Increase the minimum of unleaded petrol left in fuel tank (6)
27 Participating in the regatta in Menton is a feat (10)
28 Port Suez returns endless money (4)

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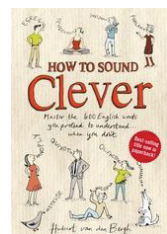
- 1** Excitement of a geek about some cocaine (10)
2 Spot Mrs Fawltly in audition being versatile (8)
3 New wounds caused bleeding hearts (6)
4 Ninety-nine received and understood (1,3)
5 TV producer calling one character at a time (8)
6 Works in arid condition (6)
7 Find cheese, basil, salami at the back of the shop (4)
13 Damn your bra! All clothing comes off in this sort of relationship (5)
15 In enemy retreat with rifle shot cover here (4,2,4)
17 Whatever's like seeing a show on Broadway? (8)
18 Killer on the loose? Admit that's not so far-fetched (8)
20 Rejection of 7 down an abomination (6)
22 Part of me quit yearning for union (6)
24 The American leader is drunk and can't stand (4)
25 Near-perfect concept (4)



Solution 15,733



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