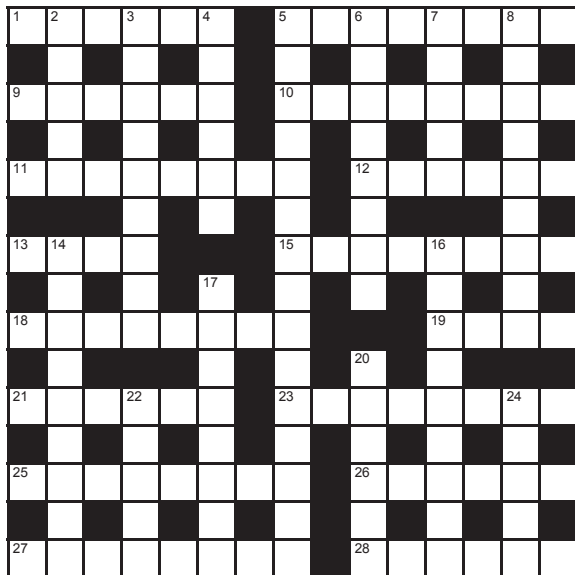


CROSSWORD

No. 15,997 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Fellow Republican steals books for dealer in exchange (6)
- 5 Thrash with a fan round front of kisser (4,4)
- 9 It depends on stock we'd returned with drink (6)
- 10 Harry Smith loves European drink (8)
- 11 Swimmers trapped in Ocala marina (8)
- 12 Lecture from retired Scottish university lecturer (6)
- 13 Nymph appearing just beyond delta (4)
- 15 Greek chose counterfeit note and coin in Vienna (8)
- 18 Dragged out Jack with superior redcap for event (4,4)
- 19 Golden koi primarily kept here? (4)
- 21 South Korean leaders chase rough (6)
- 23 Mingle in session 9 (8)
- 25 Sweet French husband returns wearing shabby suit (8)
- 26 Golfing body controlling wife's place in Africa (6)
- 27 Learned about appearing in prosperous commercial (4-4)
- 28 Rich couple in Paris house liberal earl (2,4)

DOWN

- 2 Take part in some games, last in a series (5)

- 3 Illegal delivery over in major Victorian backwater (9)
- 4 Repeat overture to Patience during broadcast (6)
- 5 Cleaner whips a gun out, initially lifting £1 (7-2,6)
- 6 Witness stunner performing (6-2)
- 7 More remote troops steal truck (5)
- 8 Ultimately love timeless portrait: "An Old Voluptuary" (9)
- 14 Notice women's institute's energy as their hands move? (9)
- 16 Sound of two queens with an unsated lust primarily (9)
- 17 Could it be put out by 3? (8)
- 20 Took a long look and began to forget time (6)
- 22 Officer brought up to eat uncooked fish (5)
- 24 It may consist of cards in packs for auditor (5)

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