

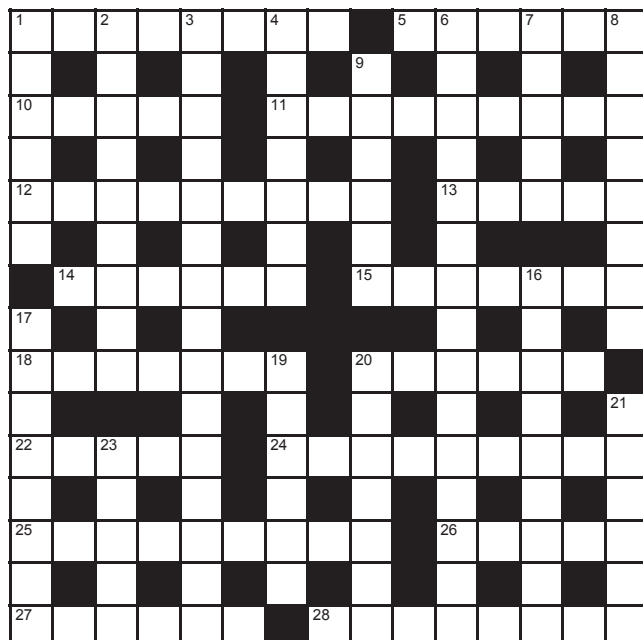
# Crossword 15,994 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Check off merchandise, seconds gone – time sensed passing? (4,4)
- 5 Last of balls brown, setter potted – some plant! (6)
- 10 Part of a step in error is eradicated (5)
- 11 In Greek, man is lacking belief (9)
- 12 Giant teary, cry audibly (4,5)
- 13 River Test's first opening (5)
- 14 Steering mechanism inspiring a church, as intended (6)
- 15 Brown boxes thrown past waste collector (7)
- 18 Dog initially can't hear piercing siren? (7)
- 20 Top steeplechaser, perhaps? (6)
- 22 Brick I picked up on back of van (5)
- 24 Sharp tool caught in posterior, sure painful (9)
- 25 Pseud out to impress team, failed miserably (7,2)
- 26 Clown Grimaldi used gladioli to squirt every one at the back (5)
- 27 Tough swimmer in dirty hole (6)
- 28 Disease in animals causes amazement (8)

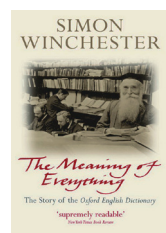
## DOWN

- 1 Opening of Bolero in short stressed beats (6)
- 2 Clothes designer more comfortable holding in stomach (9)
- 3 Concede when low, with three not out (5,2,3,5)
- 4 In extremes of cowardice, trying to defend a pretence (7)
- 6 Bully got shirty about me, fine young adult! (6-9)
- 7 Joint that goes to a bishop's head! (5)
- 8 Old money invested in particular drug (8)
- 9 Defensive cover thrown around legionary's head (6)
- 16 Colour in jogging top due to change in cost (9)
- 17 Light head in mountain climbing, relative indication something amiss? (8)
- 19 On TV channel, live! (6)
- 20 White ball to sink for the biggest prize (7)
- 21 Lie, one covered up by principals in approved school already (2,2,2)
- 23 Tittle in the main thrown up, ultimate in crude stuff (5)



## Solution 15,993

## Solution 15,982



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