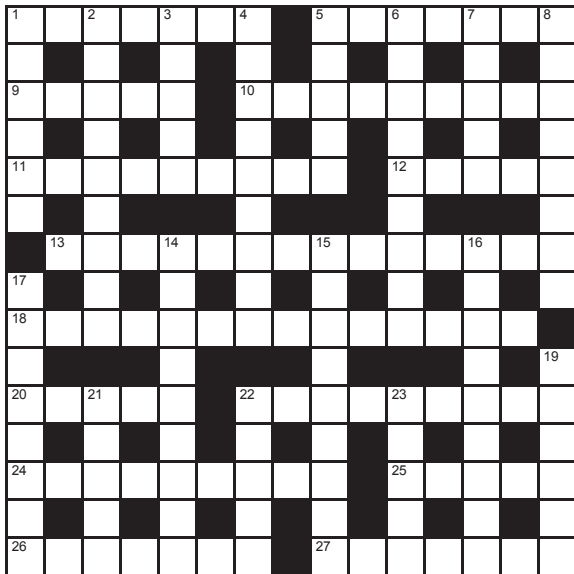


CROSSWORD

No. 15,965 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Act for each model (7)
- 5 What could make friend charge? (7)
- 9 Absolute shock when female fired (5)
- 10 Began struggling in lake in a city near Los Angeles (4,5)
- 11 Is doing as ordered with what's given by doctor? (9)
- 12 Shine in most of valley, in the morning (5)
- 13 Porcelain in magnificent store crew smashed (5,9)
- 18 Unexpected hill trek delays film (3,11)
- 20 Permission to pull out (5)
- 22 Fool taken in by phoney Creole dish (9)
- 24 Spider coming from altar – aunt going giddy (9)
- 25 Grouse, good and ready (5)
- 26 Second, perhaps, has spoken about row (7)
- 27 Level course, almost, for Badminton competitor? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Page with a notice in about procession (6)
- 2 Maiden after doctor, a part in pantomime? (9)
- 3 Frequently showing temper, blowing top (5)
- 4 Lost in thought? Not even close (5,4)
- 5 Without source of heat, I'm upset (5)
- 6 Unimportant load being processed (2,3,4)
- 7 Saw a head of dynasty decline (5)
- 8 Fly in record time across border (8)
- 14 A plucky follower, gutted over knight and legendary king (9)
- 15 Put back in check, say (9)
- 16 Bomber in Trier, sort to be taken out? (9)
- 17 Fired up in fight, produces knife (8)
- 19 Nothing in measuring device can show shooting star (6)
- 21 Biting cold in desert (5)
- 22 Burst ulcer causing suffering (5)
- 23 Hunting dog ignoring black bird (5)