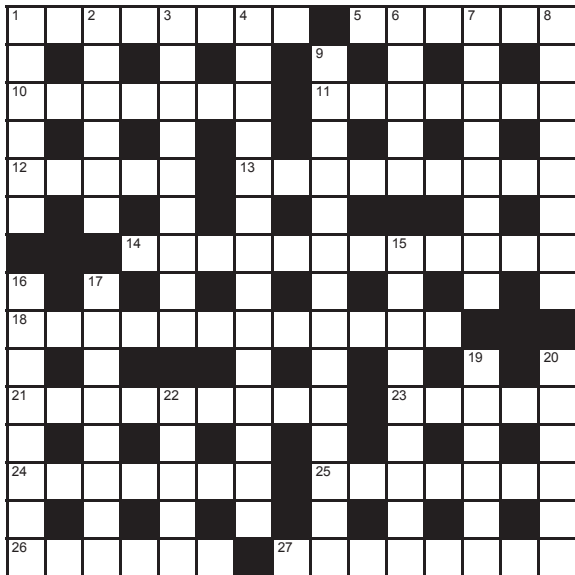


CROSSWORD

No. 16,433 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Cricketers in their season, we hear, ready to begin (8)
- 5 Charming of the French learner to take time in Europe! (6)
- 10 Note malice in break (7)
- 11 Speak badly of business involving University College (7)
- 12 Quiet gym expert (5)
- 13 He's annoying hill guide (9)
- 14 They challenge older views – visit seniors after review (12)
- 18 Drink, happy about zone having been emptied, offering more protection (6-6)
- 21 If ref late – unfortunately getting hell? (5-4)
- 23 Partners at table recalling long time trap (5)
- 24 Country actor I recollected admiringly at first (7)
- 25 Decisive, rebuffing scoundrel, one in California (7)
- 26 Not entirely ascendant, one French Revolution figure (6)
- 27 Against the current, having periods of success before time, leaves (8)

DOWN

- 1 Clothes English band (6)
- 2 Wine capital (6)
- 3 Commendation lacking at beginning, he will protest heatedly (5,4)
- 4 Axe trite "cigar" clue, poor (8,6)

- 6 Employment in America extremely gettable (5)
- 7 Lady in France where exotic scents provide surroundings (8)
- 8 Article, golden, first for Einstein, say (8)
- 9 Row where Earl Grey is? In reality it's trivial (5,2,1,6)
- 15 Shift dense smut – it's a necessity (5,4)
- 16 Sophisticated promotion? Very, with church included (8)
- 17 Find daughter in built-up area after initially heading up north (4,4)
- 19 Goodbye – is packing case (6)
- 20 Somewhere to sleep, ultimately still before morning uproar (6)
- 22 Old-time transport system getting new start (5)

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