

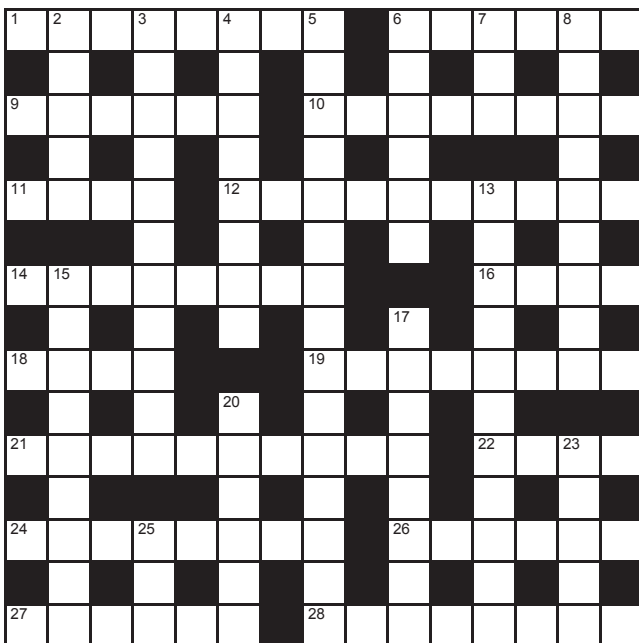
Crossword 16,284 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 I'd backed into animal first (8)
- 6 Mighty heart, leader in India? (6)
- 9 Contrarily, Tiny boy furious I tell you! (6)
- 10 A fresh river mouth, say? (8)
- 11 Slender article detailed? (4)
- 12 Delicate creature, I ask rather weakly (10)
- 14 Diary of an ex-Labour leader? Tramp! (8)
- 16 Hot potato cold, then cool (4)
- 18 Question a command from rider (4)
- 19 Indignant, carrying more weapons? (2,2,4)
- 21 Carriers, temporary patients (10)
- 22 Joke about northern band (4)
- 24 A king opening French wine, one getting Italian food (8)
- 26 Take on fashion lines with tank top (6)
- 27 Upset beyond the extreme? (6)
- 28 Misplaced trust in a person forgetting kit (8)

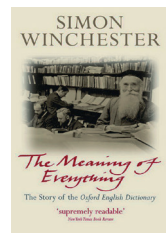
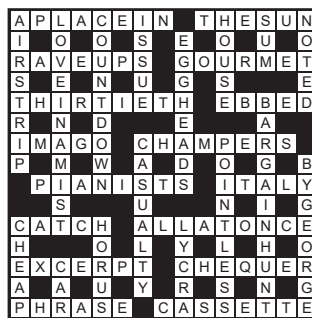
DOWN

- 2 Shame in a party (5)
- 3 Prove moves not mastered (11)
- 4 Bananas above bottomless pit in fruit container (8)
- 5 Equation singled out where the answer's obvious (7,8)
- 6 Dull coats as slick (6)
- 7 Bag all the Commandments up (3)
- 8 That person's element of a meal where dried plants found (9)
- 13 Shade under a hundred standard rings of a particular shape (11)
- 15 Wife, say, alternatively drinking the small beer (5,4)
- 17 Girl in jail, wasted (8)
- 20 A group of notes read out in agreement (6)
- 23 Runners in chase so nimbly going uphill (5)
- 25 Prayer, gravestone's inscription? (3)



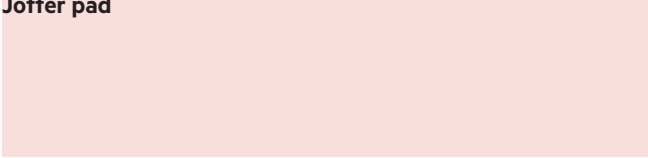
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