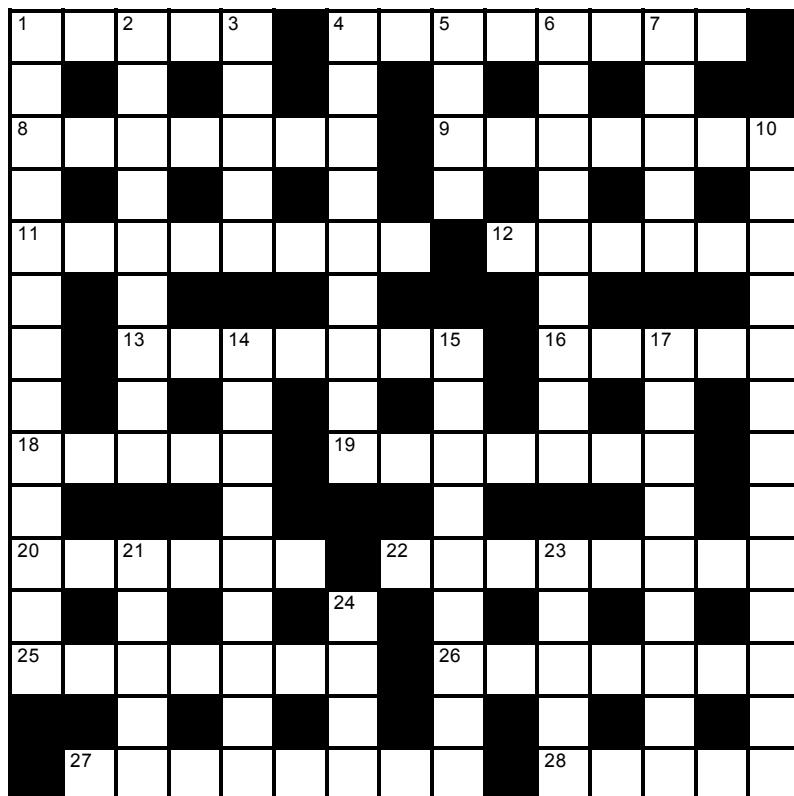


Cryptic Crossword #27

Seven clues require their solution to be reversed before being entered into the grid. Each reversed solution also makes a valid word. For example, if the answer to a clue was EDAM, then MADE would be entered into the grid.

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Across

- 1 Vegetable found underground, right (5)
- 4 Where to rest before a long sleep? (8)
- 8 Are sums problematic? Get a rubber (7)
- 9 A power struggle at the garden centre? (4,3)
- 11 When the water level ain't deep at sea (4,4)
- 12 Spirit can return after Scrooge loses the odds (6)
- 13 It's foul when clothed in a colour that's hated (7)
- 16 Perfect first contract (5)
- 18 Complex role needs the right 40s actor (5)
- 19 Carry around a thousand old bags on holiday (7)
- 20 Hit home with a thin layer (6)
- 22 Stone them, say, breaking their head (8)
- 25 US sandwich with a twist? That's impressive (7)
- 26 12 - 0 + 0 = 0? Just the opposite! (3-4)
- 27 Feeling under pressure? A way to relax, it's said (8)
- 28 Small, old fashioned violin (5)

Down

- 1 Old digits that are all 26? (5,8)
- 2 Spectator's boy is engrossed in smashing derby (9)
- 3 Stealing the paper? (5)
- 4 Bet on Satan being reckless (9)
- 5 Driverless vehicle? (4)
- 6 Instrument causes damage on demolishing 1ac (9)
- 7 East wind batters a man (5)
- 10 Memories about groups (13)
- 14 These songs can calm very young children (book not required) (9)
- 15 I'm protected by the king's soldiers (9)
- 17 Annually, the first lady's back and gets wise, they say (5,4)
- 21 I am sad when left out to soak (5)
- 23 Sleek model - 1d? (5)
- 24 Oliver's grass? (4)