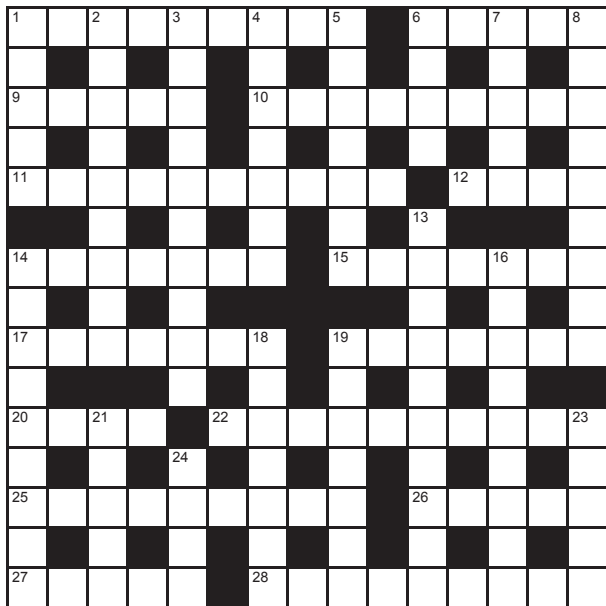


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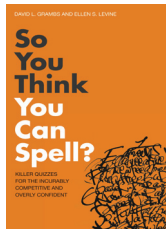
ACROSS

- 1 Want to bring back small girl seen outside (9)
- 6 Law centre, say, is providing protection (5)
- 9 Tribal emblem displayed in Shinto temple (5)
- 10 In recession MP finds time for tea (9)
- 11 Outlet accepted by EU partner sooner or later (10)
- 12 In Athens some columns have 19 letters in reverse order (4)
- 14 Regret after binge in US? That's right, unfortunately (3,4)
- 15 Police officers comb shed (7)
- 17 Johnny-come-lately quietly grabbed by American floozie (7)
- 19 Exceptionally good woman meets resistance (7)
- 20 Observe distinction (4)
- 22 Patty has complaint about food from the east (10)
- 25 Poor condition of son accepted by dreadful couple (9)
- 26 Loose family member scratching head (5)
- 27 A missing killer is more sneaky (5)
- 28 People in pubs close to football and cricket venue (9)



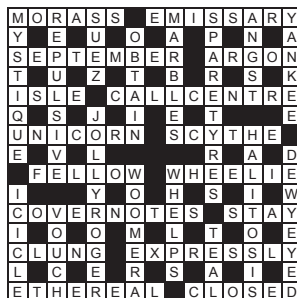
DOWN

- 1 Explosive ingredient rendered inert (5)
- 2 Caught out, marshal encounters private (5,4)
- 3 This setter's stuff is irrelevant (10)
- 4 Sea cow's bottom up in spring (7)
- 5 Badger's home was first to be established (7)
- 6 A whisky, we hear, that's wrong (4)
- 7 Author, secretly gay at first, joining army (5)
- 8 Stand near ground in Spanish city (9)
- 13 Like reading about university in the customary manner (2,3,5)
- 14 Trained nurse to do cut (9)
- 16 Everyone hauled up soldier on a peak that is scaled (9)
- 18 Route to Buckingham Palace for every Tom, Dick and Harry? (3,4)
- 19 Spice for fans in a stew (7)
- 21 Give evidence, but not if irritable (5)
- 23 Birds share nuts (5)
- 24 Costly letter opener (4)

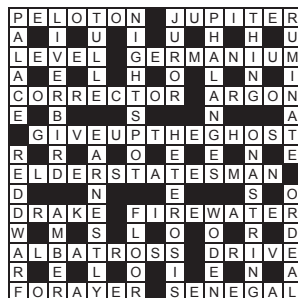


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