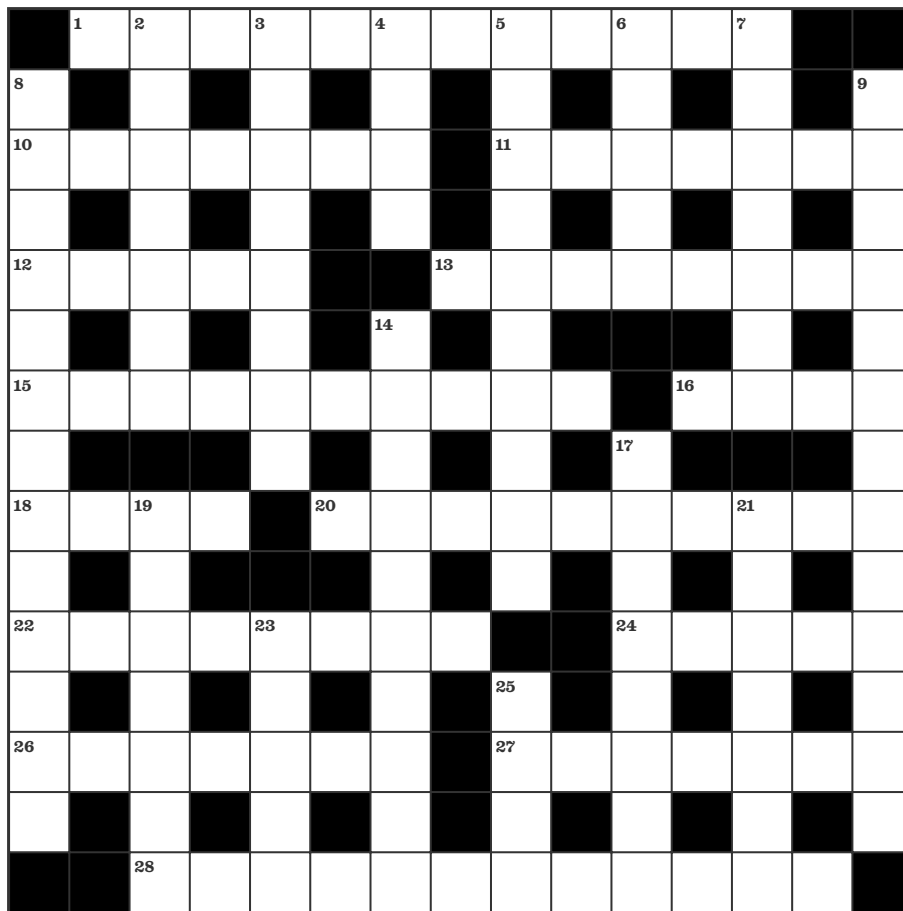


Everyman No. 4,172



Across

- 1** Bats notice small timepieces (6,6)
- 10** Soap-and-water chore: vessel's devoid of fat on the inside (5-2)
- 11** Came across, somewhat earlier, an intoxicant (3,4)
- 12** Relating to birth somewhere in old Africa (5)
- 13** For Everyman startled by kimono (2,2,4)
- 15** Bloke, mostly clownish and off-colour, with a light sherry (10)
- 16** Inflammation ultimately causes hurt, lumpy eye (4)
- 18** Cognomen of clown, originally - primarily! (4)
- 20** Dash or hop a cab, I fear (10)

- 22** Staunch and honest, lay money out (8)

- 24** Garret in part of old Greece (5)

- 26** Subsequently, a liberal, creative type of thinking (7)

- 27** Oh no! We'd assembled for a dance (7)

- 28** Bitter cleric involved in imagined ring (6,6)

Down

- 2** Upper-class groom not taken in (7)
- 3** Eight characters in groundbreaking, learned play (4,4)
- 4** Love, Oscar. PS: I didn't mean that (4)
- 5** Admiral's stinking, send roll-on (4,6)
- 6** Sweeties from outskirts of Coventry (5)

- 7** Evil inflammation making you shout (4,3)

- 8** Cheap bike in series of peaks and troughs (8,5)

- 9** In which homes will come across as resistance units? (7,6)

- 14** In conversation, choose a bloomer and sandwich spread (10)

- 17** Songbird with ardour entering fray (8)

- 19** Split personality's home? (7)

- 21** Aromatherapy product seen when crushing biathlon cut short (4,3)

- 23** Section of nouveau riche concerned with gold (5)

- 25** Sean Connery's counterpart to hide with it (4)