

NTSPP - 096 by Prolixic

The setter deeply regrets having included two triple unches in this grid. It may assist solvers to know that the same letter appears in the centre of both.

Across

1/6D/2 Operation opening king's hips maybe provides seasonal enjoyment for 14d (9,7,2,3,4)

6 Pose on potty to postulate (5)

9 Offering bird pardon on return (5)

10 Touching comment about pine (9)

11 Necessary to be attentive after Henry leaves for Norway (7)

12 Historical prince found after robe's returned (7)

13 Among varieties of gold, Pierre's said to be a judge (7)

15 Rage after old books are removed from home of provincial assembly (5)

17 Porter embraces knights in low joint (5)

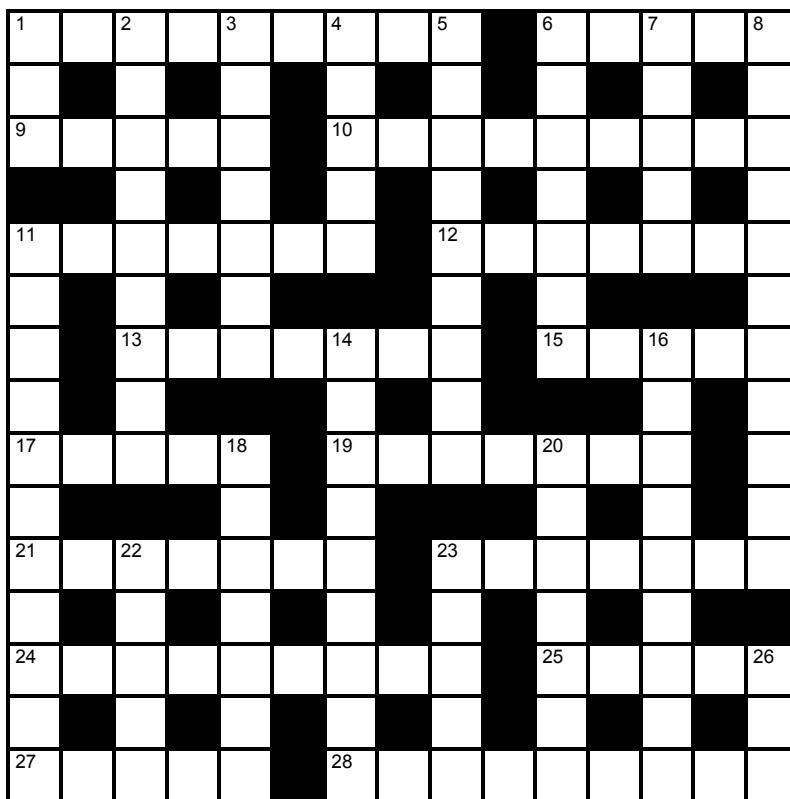
19 Second time I have succeeded in aims (7)

21 Stamp regularly applied on public transport (7)

23 Company returns beat American conglomerate? (7)

24 Article removed from underclothes thrown for a dog (9)

25 Chapter 2 "Pastor



goes to find the President" (5)

27 Sex offender's not an Anglican! (5)

28 Quoting "Having a change of heart", having a change of heart (9)

Down

1 Something stony in the heart of malice? (3)

2 See 1 Across

3 Obese US agent supports his old boss dismissing NY prostitute (7)

4 Thoroughly unwell touring continent (2,3)

5 Theatre run to go worldwide? (5-4)

6 See 1 Across

7 Stylish sound (5)

8 Nestle theme composed by 14d (3,8)

11 Fair refusal by craftsman to adopt new practices at first (3-8)

14 Real mother wanting a crude satirist (3,6)

16 Old English girl almost acquires German company making tubes (9)

18 Plain old tosh on the radio, so some say (7)

20/26 The Catholic News Service for 14d? (7,3)

22 Embellish article about a beetle (5)

23 Deck hands seen in old observation post (5)

26 See 20