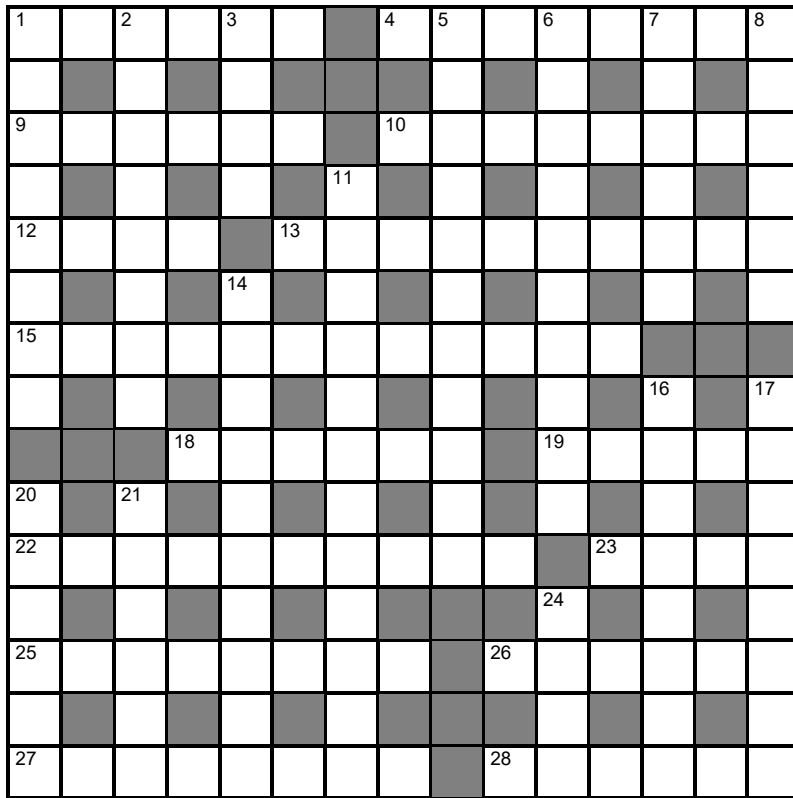


Cryptic 004 by Leucine



Across

- 1** Figure eight-by-eight, for example. (6)
- 4/27/28** Walker's route to high in the Andes. (8,8,6)
- 9** Conservative old boss plays without wings in Middle East. (6)
- 10** More safe, but frightening to an extent. (8)
- 12** Payoff in Ottawa Gents. (4)
- 13** Spelt differently than 26, it's a type of metallic element. (10)

- 15** Llama in tiara defeats parasite. (12)
- 18** Jump, jump up once. (6)
- 19** 18'd some time ago. (5)
- 22** Stimulate excessively, receive tox adjustment. (10)
- 23** Strong stuff, reverse jam. (4)
- 25** Twisty tramline starts here. (8)
- 26** Ivan agrees, Six Counties with the Spanish is good book for the den. (6)
- 27** See 4
- 28** See 4

Down

- 1** Wet suits? (8)
- 2** Divided by Murrayfield conversion. (8)
- 3** American whiskeys ascend? (4)
- 5** For outgoing aviator, expel or show to a table? (7,4)
- 6** Finnegans Wake - enduring? A critical assessment is negative. (10)
- 7** Wry smooth integrated circuit. (6)
- 8** Scene I: "My Sister's Daughters". (6)

11 A handbill can

describe no-fun spouse. (4,3,5)

- 14** Mischievous around six from Lillee leads to ruin. (10)
- 16** Give lad raise? 12 is fixed for this type of worker. (8)
- 17** Stab the French trademark symbol for perfectionist. (8)
- 20** Drum Major-Major? (3-3)
- 21** Listener within her listener. (6)
- 24** Sydney's late autumn goes to zero in West of Ireland. (4)