

Cryptic 021 by Leucine

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Across

- 1 Could be Florentine? French, you take a look. (6)
- 5 OSS penetrates Fortnite player, perhaps, for ultralight material. (8)
- 9 A US invasion of Braeburn earns praise. (8)
- 10 University more certain to produce money-lender. (6)
- 11 Instrumental honker on your Citroën? (6,4)
- 12 How beatnik appreciates archaeological excavations. (4)
- 13 Unwise gangster swallows confused sneer for fisherman's sweater. (8)
- 16 More tender German children? (6)

17 Up and play in goal for maintenance. (6)

- 19 Make thin strips from claim to property in June. (8)
- 21 Play without a fraction of an ounce. (4)
- 22 Official announcement: core of cliques found in hippie collective. (10)
- 25 Rum cocktail goes around Leucine's neck, as I said! (3-3)
- 26 Advanced degree holder hugged by subcontinental for trading ship. (8)
- 27 Arched in confusion, Cold Warrior's term for PRC. (3,5)
- 28 Truncated taxonomic unit is hard cash (to phrase a coin). (6)

Down

- 2 Dinner sans appetiser might be leathery. (5)
- 3 High pass on punctuation mark. (5)
- 4 Fearless WW1 battleships duel with crosses. (7)
- 5 Mendel at rear of monastery becomes one of sixteen Popes. (7)
- 6 Initially, in 1957, Soviet probe unexpectedly triggered nightmares in Kremlinologists. (7)
- 7 Bad nuance corrected, and plenty left. (9)
- 8 Holly, for example, is level about unit of work with core elements of crew. (9)
- 14 2 DOWN WITH COURT MATTER. (9)

- 15 Hurt, I came to be recognised as joint inflammation sufferer. (9)
- 18 Backward composer hiding in clinic cupboard. (7)
- 19 Merkel's OK with Mother, setter and Manx cat representing island nation. (7)
- 20 Velour design includes Pyrenean place of pilgrimage. (7)
- 23 A Gershwin on outskirts of Tombstone becomes angry. (5)
- 24 Vacuum bag maids sampled regularly for savoury taste. (5)