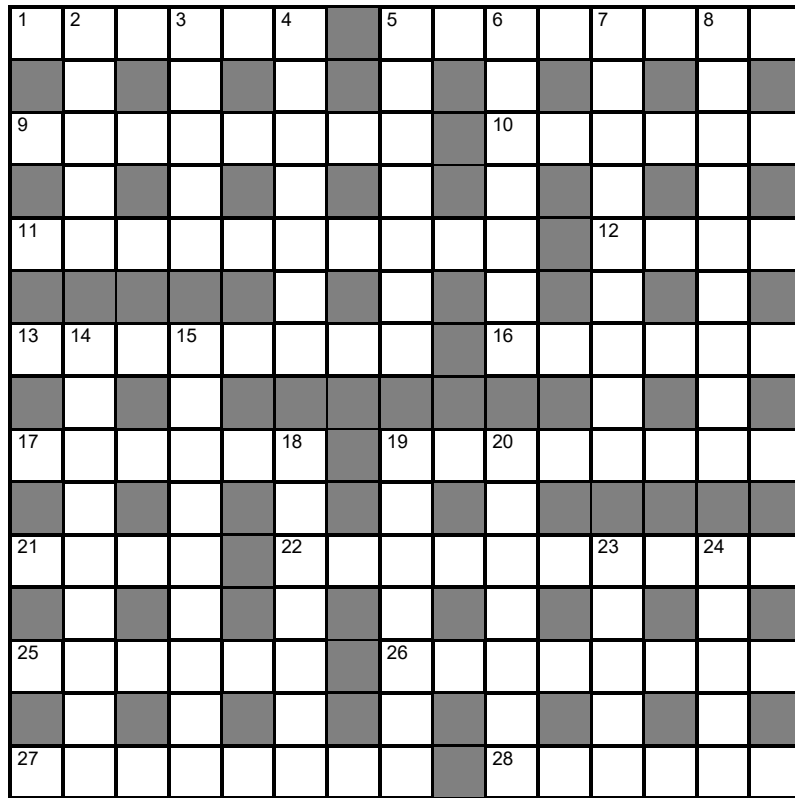


Cryptic 015 by Leucine



Across

- 1 Vivacious Merkel agrees with UN (and Thom Yorke, initially). (6)
- 5 Surfeit leads Broadway award to deadly sin. (8)
- 9 Oak vials scattered where Bratislava governs. (8)
- 10 Redness around senior detective for spicy root. (6)
- 11 Downing small bird with three-fifths of sling. (10)
- 12 Regular samples of money Wuhan nurses earn for local currency. (4)
- 13 Rancour from a cry about headless theatrical Athenian. (8)
- 16 Manger is hardy containing pirate's favourite letter. (6)
- 17 Baseball's home finds room for one Jerusalem hand-washer. (6)
- 19 Day hurts, but Friday will come soon. (8)
- 21 Shaolin kung fu, jiu-jitsu in Brazil: volcano erupts within. (4)
- 22 Edward, affectionately, carries cuddly friends of the young. (5,5)
- 25 A few words sounding like donnybrooks. (6)
- 26 Lose to be no longer useful. (8)
- 27 Emend gay companion of Zeus and attendant of Jupiter. (8)
- 28 In this way, untipped missile leads to grief. (6)

Down

- 2 Permit no start to rendered animal fat. (5)
- 3 Lean back about five, have an orange. (5)
- 4 Initially, you only know of one notably original Japanese artist. (4,3)
- 5 Put it in dressing to interest Newton and Einstein. (7)
- 6 Prude bathing in UHT is honourable. (7)
- 7 Punks of the late fifties? Pooh, confused yobs! (5,4)
- 8 Lost again in fond remembrance. (9)
- 14 Greek character presents two Noel Hawaiian dances for Mexican barker. (9)
- 15 Army I gain might be all in the mind. (9)
- 18 Radical! Former husband and tree hugging 007's boss. (7)
- 19 Aspiring amphibian is native of Kraków with a dash on top. (7)
- 20 Epic wanderer's ship floating in strong alkali, and it's all in America! (7)
- 23 Swiss-born mathematician named at regular intervals in Chateau Algebra. (5)
- 24 Nitrogen-free allowance for proportion. (5)