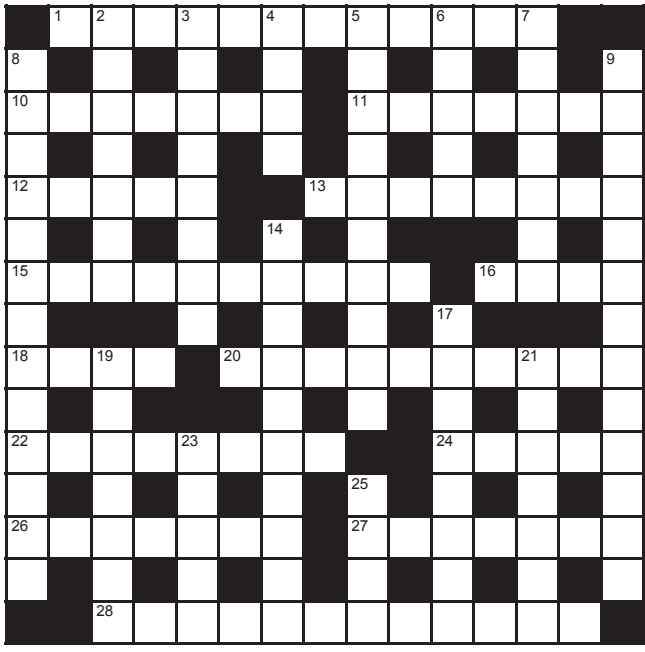
Crossword 15,408 Set by Alberich

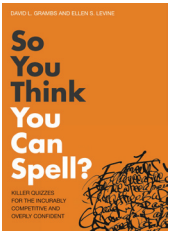
ACROSS

1 Daredevil sister's clothing used to be hard to fold (12)
10 Short change given by perfect rascal (7)
11 Sadly, daughter lost the sherry (7)
12 Run independent broadcaster? That's uncertain (5)
13 Eg R. Benaud bowled out bats for less than 18? (5,3)
15 Small state captured by force was first to be threatened (10)
16 In honesty, enthusiasm is swelling (4)
18 Dance heralding athletic Kiwi appearances, for starters? (4)
20 Judge wants criminal beheaded? It's hard to say (3-7)
22 One who's right to attract disdain (8)
24 Withdrawn weapon was tested again (5)
26 Obsequious performance of duty gets pound for Charlie (7)
27 Troublemaker mischievously tries to secure rights (7)
28 Dodgy hamstring conceals pure sporting talent at first (12)

DOWN

2 At least three opuses identifying northern town (7)
3 Carts overturned carrying fruit for Harland & Wolff? (8)
4 Save end of ticket stub (4)
5 China's triumph – new revolutionary Communist times (5,5)
6 Fail to get round in – that's lax (5)
7 Dictator abandoning first desperate measure to keep order (4,3)
8 One has brief stay in hospital? It may be packed (9,4)
9 This writer has confidence in white-haired minister (4,9)
14 Religious art needs to change still, so they say (10)
17 She needs Orange mobile to ring soldier (8)
19 Congenial sort appearing ashamed? (7)
21 In part of Hull on vacation, spot river bird (7)
23 Leaves to be with son at the end (5)
25 Biblical character of news-value, periodically (4)





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Solution 15,407

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Solution 15,396

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