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LeXman's Cryptic Crossword Page

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STICKS TOGETHER by LeXman

A lot can happen whenever you put two sticks together.

In four instances, the answers to two of the Across clues, stuck together, will become the dictionary definition half of another Across clue.

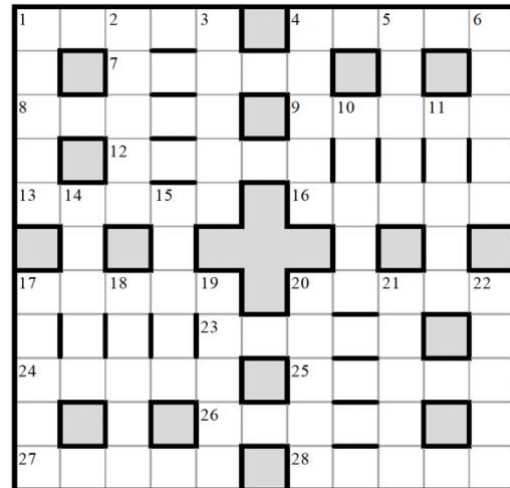
In addition to these 12 clues, there are seven others that need to be altered in the same specific way before they can be solved. The first letters of the altered words, in clue order, will suggest other things you can do with two sticks.

ACROSS

1. Stick a dab of pomade on braid (5)
4. Stick butter and corn oil, for example, brought about onset of fatigue (5)
7. Kill a man smuggling an animal (5)
8. Stick a strand of nylon in weave (5)
9. 27 4: Often the conclusion of grad school papers (5)
12. Dog Ma clubs to modify (5)
13. Stick end of fork in tangled rope (5)
16. Stick famous model in benefit (5)
17. Stick around with Henry and cheat (5)
20. 8 1: Get by taking second (5)
23. Tore a red one – one of a set of nine (5)
24. 13 16: Feature of New Age religion (5)
25. 17 28: Cover for gas range (5)
26. It moves when the wind blows, dropping a Calvin Klein sweater (1-4)
27. Stick five hundred in theater seats (5)
28. Stick letter of thanks in file (5)

DOWN

1. Surprise minor mission in uprising (3-2)
2. Oy vey! A deficit (5)
3. Beginning to go for less: uncle (an attendee at a dinner party) is an example (5)



4. Circles behind South American island (birthplace of a famous mathematician) (5)
5. Where men are men, tally female answers about turning in with male (5)
6. Ditch *Cabaret's* director (5)
10. While nothing's epic, enter into high range (5)
11. River guardians save disheartened child a rose (5)
14. Ignoring the leader, you and I justify opening a line of communication with the dead (5)
15. Announce the show *1000 A.D.* in East End (5)
17. Bum below! (5)
18. Hardened soldier found in shed (5)
19. Tattoo from the '70s on this part of my body features peace sign? (5)
20. Imprisons leader of conspiracy a long time (5)
21. Jimmy Stewart's magical six-foot rabbit, for one dance with lady, becoming center of controversy (5)
22. Correct check to OK me (5)