

Across**1 DECIMAL**

Definition: arithmetic system; (MEDICAL)*

5 FLAPPER

Double-definition: (i) flighty young thing (ii) hot and bothered

9 PERDU

Definition: concealed; hidden in 'suPER Duper'

11 CHISELLER

Definition: cheat; CHI (female) SELLER (vendor)

12 NUDGE

Definition: push; NUDE (naked figure) around G[ently]

13 SLANG

Definition: scold; hidden in 'theiveS LANGUage'

15 TUPPENCES

Cryptic definition

18 PLEASANCE

Double-definition: (i) part of the garden (ii) that delights

21 ADIEU

Definition: good-bye; AD (publicity) IE (that is) U (high-class)

23 HIERARCHY

Definition: priestly government; HI (exclaim) (ARCHERY)*

25 CONUNDRUM

Definition: puzzle; CO (company) NUN (pious woman) DRUM (beating instrument)

26 CAIRO

Definition: capital; AIR (atmosphere) in CO (firm)

27 DARK RED

D&CD [<http://www.crosswordunclued.com/2010/02/cryptic-double-definitions.html>]: (i) colour; (ii) of African (DARK) communism (RED)

28 TRAMMEL

Definition: impede; TRAM (car) MEL[ody]

Down

1 **DEPICTS**

Definition: pictures; DE ('the' French) PICTS (underground dwellers - a dwarfish race of underground dwellers in Scottish folklore)

2 **CARTILAGE**

Cryptic definition – reference to the 1857 Indian Mutiny.

3 **MOUSE**

Cryptic definition

4 **LACK LATIN**

Definition: ignorant priest; (AN ILL TACK)*

5 **FLOOR**

Cryptic definition

6 **ABSENTEES**

Cryptic definition

7 **PROUD**

Definition: mettlesome; PRO (expert) U (universal) D (degree)

8 **REDDENS**

Definition: blushes; RED (revolutionary) DENS (studies)

14 **GAS-BURNER**

Cryptic definition

16 **PRETERMIT**

Definition: hold back; PRE (before) TERM (name) IT

17 **CATECHISM**

Cryptic definition

18 **PRANCED**

Definition: swaggered; PR (pair) (DANCE)*

20 **PAYROLL**

Definition: where an employee is included; AY (yes) R (right), in POLL (voting)

22 **INNER**

Definition: circle; EVE (the lady) N, S (divergent points)

23 **HIRED**

Cryptic definition – taken on the PAYROLL.

24 **ACCRA**

Definition: capital; AC (cooler) CR (credit) A