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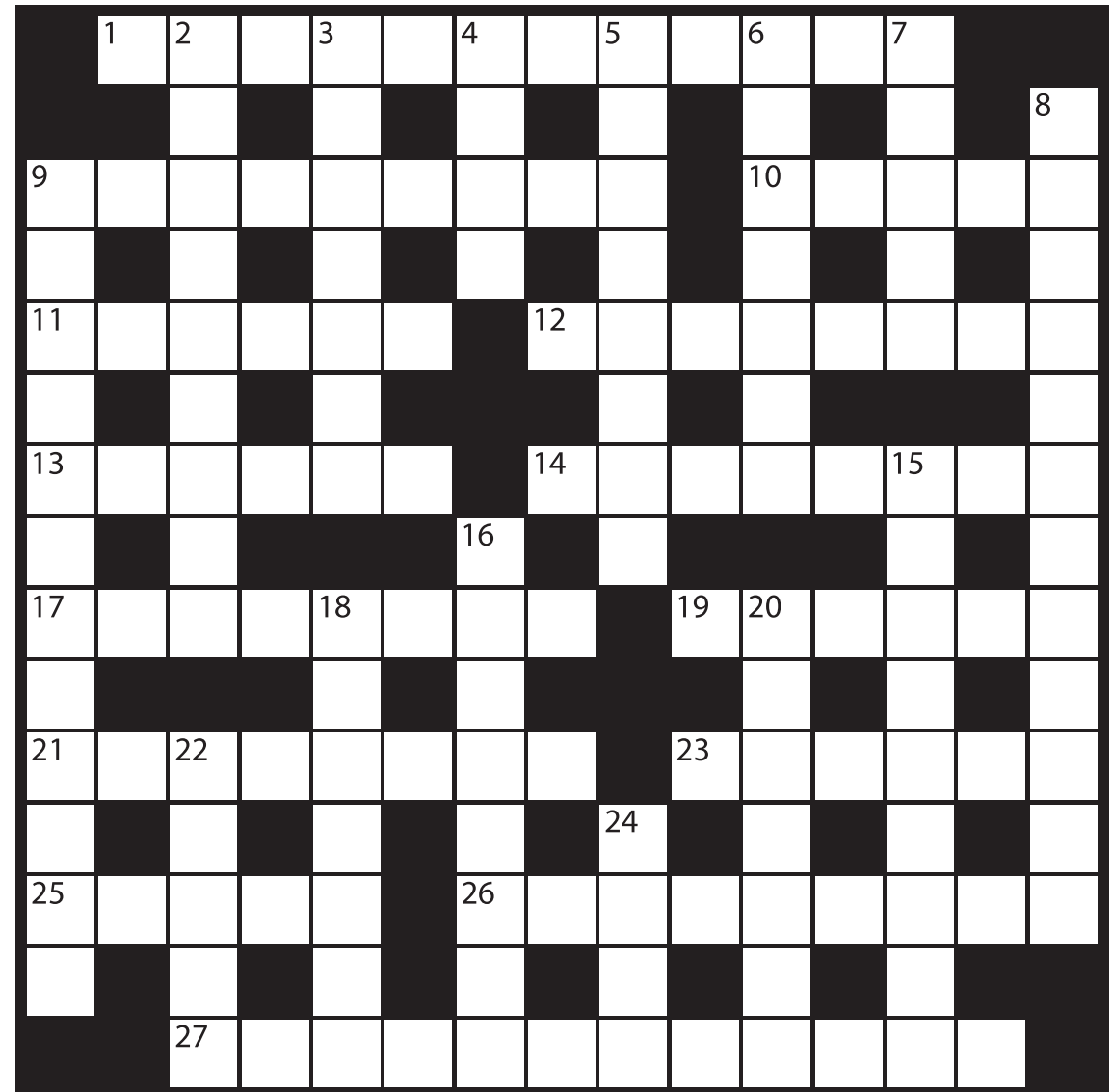
- 1 Flat burns badly with great big fire (5,7)
 9 Bird goes so unsteadily, keeping right away (4,5)
 10 Not totally translating language (5)
 11 Stopped recording to gain peace (6)
 12 Chic European member treated acne (8)
 13 Write a lot in retirement, primarily terrible essays (6)
 14 A French pair split up (8)
 17 Read out article about rogue trader (8)
 19 Really liked a party with wine (6)
 21 In woodland, mobile regularly vibrates (8)
 23 Cautiously enter home on block scratching head (4,2)
 25 Ring subsumed in reddish-brown fire (5)
 26 Disagree claret should be mixed with tea (9)
 27 Doing exercise class held by sassy sailor (12)

DOWN

- 2 Butcher's chasing nurse (4,5)
 3 Piece broadcast about Meg getting drunk (7)
 4 Sell fine piece of wood (4)
 5 Wine society going round exotic isle (8)
 6 Everyone with self-confidence grasps introduction to reading fast (7)
 7 Learner in posh school is John, perhaps (5)
 8 Penitentiary located in Nice ended criminal's freedom (12)
 9 Kind supporting assistant's habit (6,6)

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- 15 Fine china replica with no cracks (9)
 16 Be mean, taking away a drink (8)
 18 Judge a bishop without taste (7)
 20 French writer's books under upturned Communist papers (7)
 22 Queen tucked into pastry lifting arm (5)
 24 Almost found leading lady, perhaps (4)