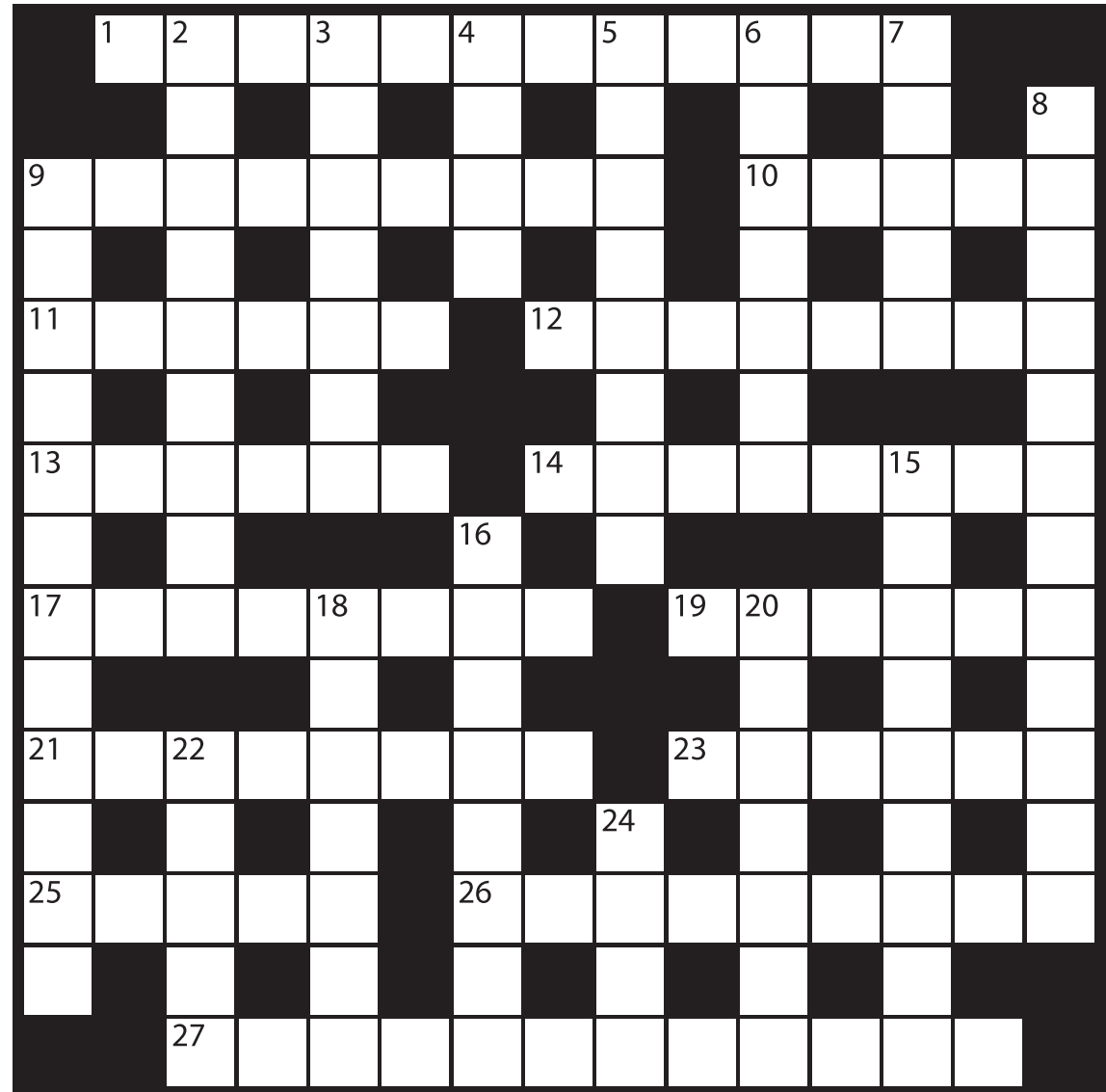


**ACROSS**

- 1 Horrific crime, said not to be glamorised (12)
- 9 Creature's to suffer after soldiers sever back (5,4)
- 10 Boz and Meg desperate to retain a public persona (5)
- 11 An idol inside parent's ornate building (6)
- 12 Trick fellow with dead fuse (8)
- 13 One that docks boat (6)
- 14 Note bird returned to enter inlet for its food? (8)
- 17 Threaten target with nettle (8)
- 19 Spotted embracing learner on piano and organ (6)
- 21 Some getting confused with nine candidates (8)
- 23 Rejected sleaze about Teletubby, making stand (6)
- 25 Article not right, transfer to another container (5)
- 26 I take off to nurse daughter that's ill (2,1,3,3)
- 27 Uncomplimentary of dreary poetic novel (12)

**DOWN**

- 2 Bound dog, albeit loosely (9)
- 3 Cut short a game of cards (7)
- 4 Journey from Turkey regularly with king (4)
- 5 Ready to be hosted by guy that's isolated (8)
- 6 A lot of alcohol sunk if wobbly on line (7)
- 7 Woman moving home away from US state (5)
- 8 Firmly stop men idly sprawled around (12)
- 9 Flexible objects please prince to play with (4,8)
- 15 Get the better of superior influential nation (9)



- 16 Number set off to the north on English island (8)
- 18 Persistent chief supports working in opposite directions (7)
- 20 Dessert's average, one covered in stout (7)
- 22 Transport was miserable (5)
- 24 Up in the morning, team finding something to wear (4)