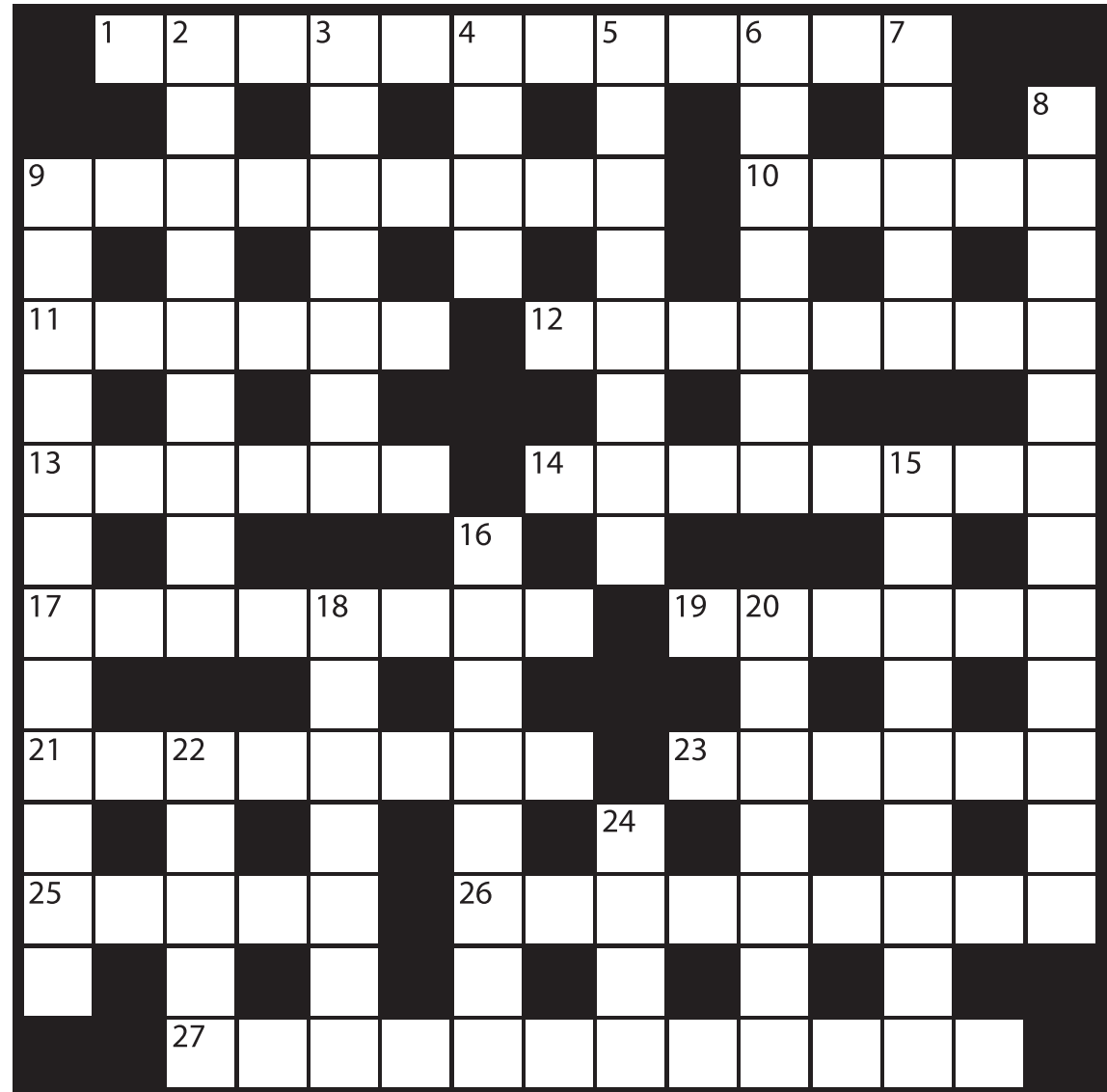


ACROSS

- 1 Vast Mars location to be developed (12)
- 9 Noble Irishman cut short Scotsman (9)
- 10 Meg upset about one daughter being annoying creature (5)
- 11 With staff retiring, newspaper boss absconded (6)
- 12 Broadcast about Earth turning is commanding attention (8)
- 13 Professor, bit selective covering courses (6)
- 14 Handle king, negative, hiding among family in revolution (8)
- 17 Send SMS to make reservation, exactly as planned (8)
- 19 Father Dougal leaving party is prudent (6)
- 21 Not totally well-off in holiday with time limit (8)
- 23 Whacks arachnid aboard ship (6)
- 25 That thing coming between a French couple (5)
- 26 Stick with collecting hearts, which certain card-player holds (5,4)
- 27 Rubbished a lesser peer's official report (5,7)

DOWN

- 2 Pressure after argument over hit TV accessory (3-3,3)
- 3 Boz in train changed clothing (7)
- 4 Catch something on your finger (4)
- 5 Male, one supporting squad, working weapons (8)
- 6 Comparatively agreeable company, foreign firm welcoming English (7)
- 7 See dog wet that's regularly shunned shelter (5)
- 8 Wobbly bed? List ideas for repair (12)
- 9 Before advert, old American that's crazy (12)



- 15 Moving thing disturbs birds (9)
- 16 Ideas with Spanish mushrooms, including starter of toastie (8)
- 18 Be treated with serum from Asia (7)
- 20 Regret concerning inspector (7)
- 22 Act like you're 19, involving maiden in caper (5)
- 24 Banks in shock on the old island (4)