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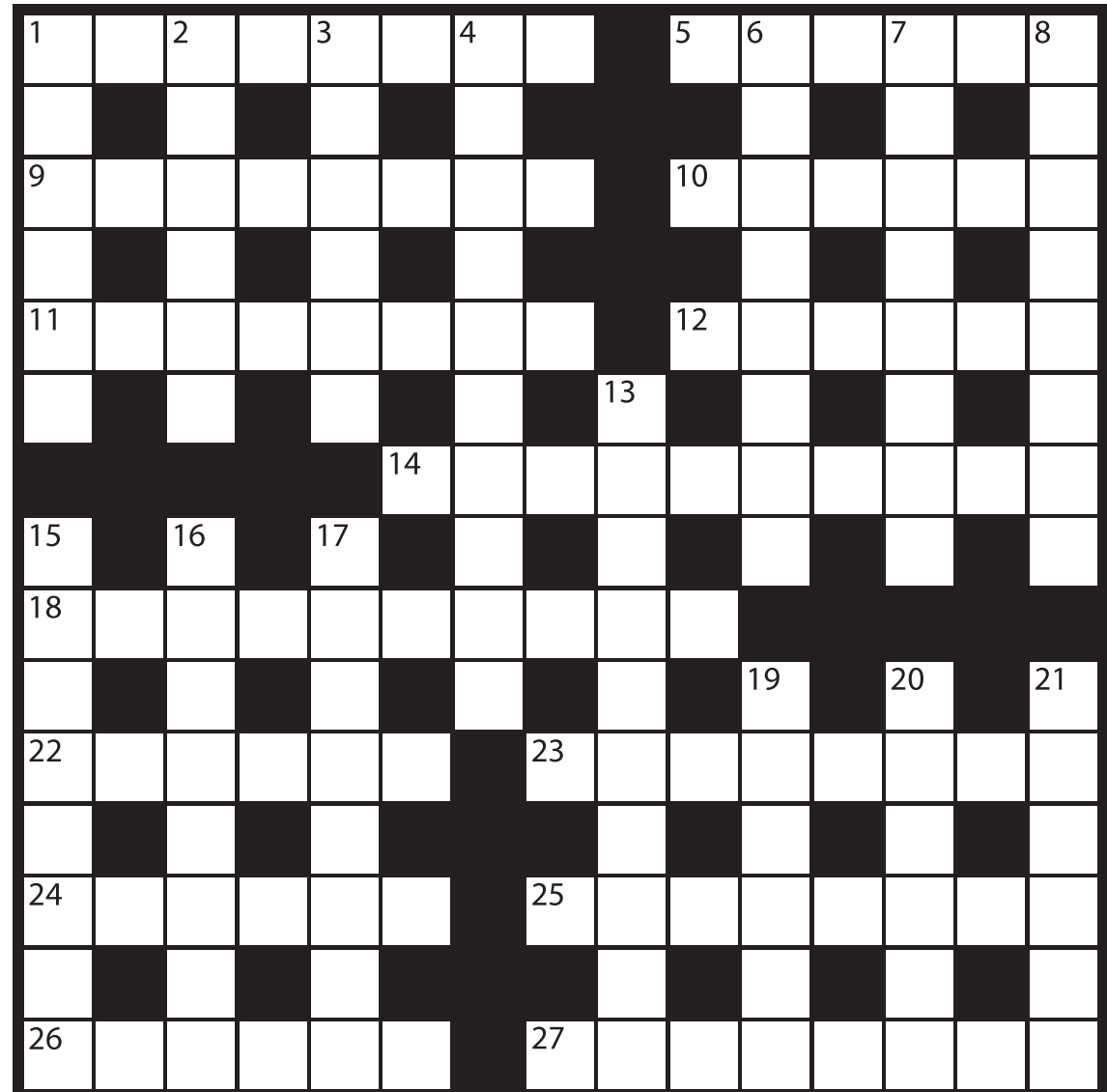
- 1 Also 5ac Small gift I reckon mother's left out (8)
 5 See 1ac (6)
 9 President intermittently ignored leftists' broadcasts (8)
 10 Angry teacher pens vacuous article (6)
 11 Nuts - they're popular at Christmas (8)
 12 Verbiage from books put into musical (3,3)
 14 Spell "venue" wrongly in exam (6-4)
 18 Priests force sons to work with cardinal (10)
 22 A pig died on a ship (6)
 23 A turkey egg, before long, is poison (8)
 24 Be upset with lush sinking 8 gallons (6)
 25 Copper in a state once wept (8)
 26 Most senior writer admits sovereign is in France (6)
 27 Native American type losing leg in vines (8)

DOWN

- 1 Hotel interrupting staff's routine (6)
 2 Old copper at first looking a king in the eye (6)
 3 Kremlin initially spoke about change in Russia (6)
 4 Give citizenship to Australian criminal giving up a drug (10)
 6 Diamonds secured in hard water area (8)
 7 Fatally, allow husband to meet friend (8)
 8 Aid workers on ship breaking record (3,5)
 13 I've to worry about secluded place (5,5)
 15 Game beginning to captivate hoi polloi after end of Christmas (8)

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- 16 Finished clothing ogres oddly approved (8)
 17 Cheers up Jenny, regularly wearing red suit (8)
 19 Body of queen found in wood (6)
 20 Couple outside pub serving Australian beer (6)
 21 Time to crack nobles' safes (6)