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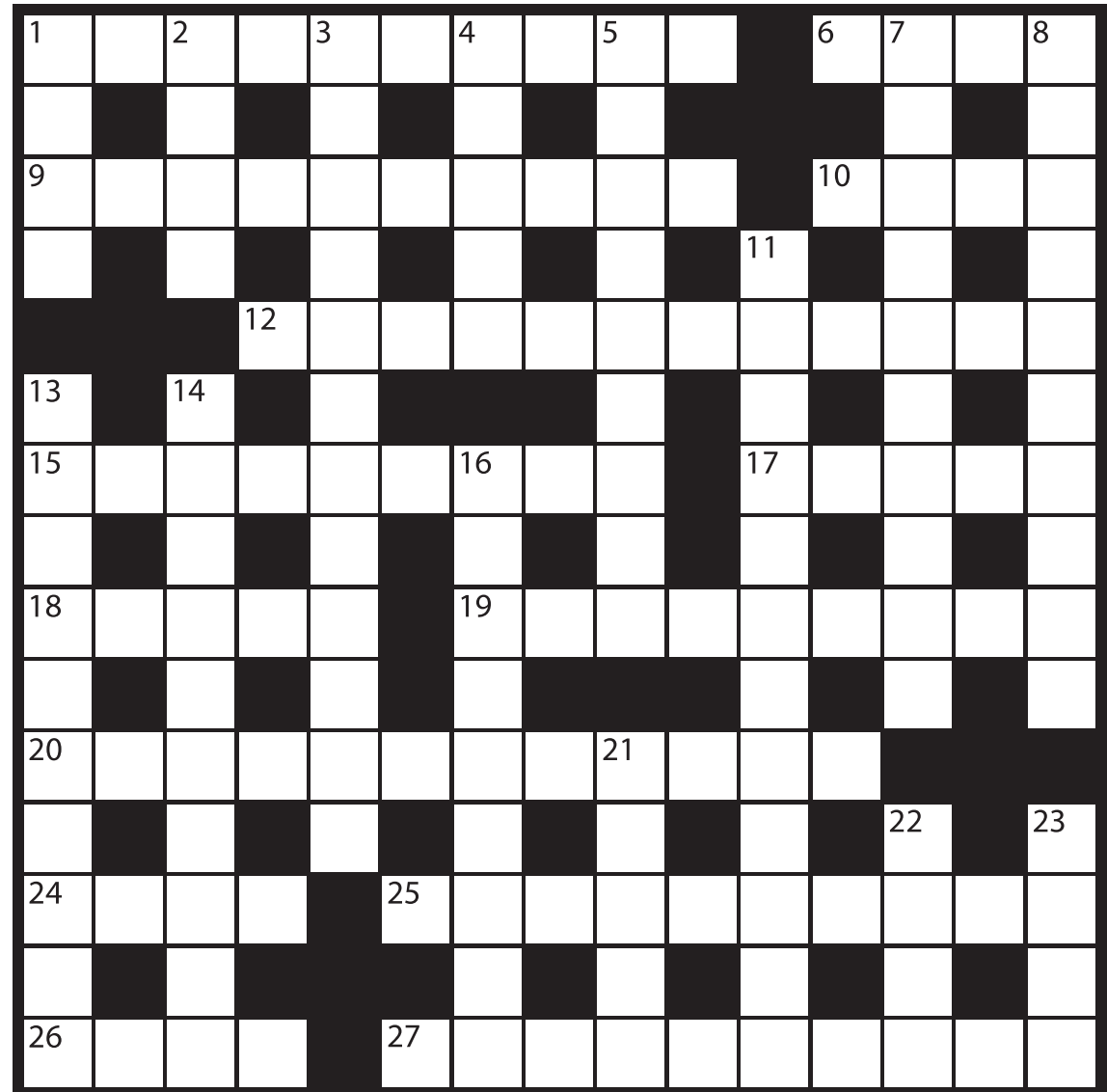
- 1 Row. Throw out poet (10)
- 6 A grating that's not completely closed (4)
- 9 Pretender or professor and explorer (10)
- 10 S. American prince ... (4)
- 12 ... with beer - lots - laid out for parties (12)
- 15 Producer of stats as in checkout person? (9)
- 17 Rhode Island reds about five hundred down and one up (5)
- 18 Small fruit piercer (5)
- 19 Creep in to unexpected welcome (9)
- 20 Growing in worth and understanding (12)
- 24 Always keeping right and aspiring (affectedly) to have taste (4)
- 25 Prank with rearranged mail times and disappointing outcome (10)
- 26 Grub pigs root for (4)
- 27 From other side said about number not yet checked of French or British more than 100 years ago (10)

DOWN

- 1 Town that supplies fuel for lamps or stoves (4)
- 2 Study a stomach (4)
- 3 Native American's after pirate's new film business (6,6)
- 4 Weight of a cat (5)
- 5 It's not practical to make ice hotter (9)
- 7 Judge is got in mistakenly in charge of sabre-rattling (10)
- 8 Number plate covers unfamiliar Russian entrant for rallying (10)
- 11 Sailor aboard ship and President cornered may be seen under this banner (4-8)

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- 13 Unnecessary warning gives rise to a small fear (5,5)
- 14 Masseurs that pose, so affected (10)
- 16 Are daring crooks put on trial? (9)
- 21 Chinese massage one swallowed by fish (5)
- 22 Novel name for M once (4)
- 23 A cross is geometer's line of reference (4)