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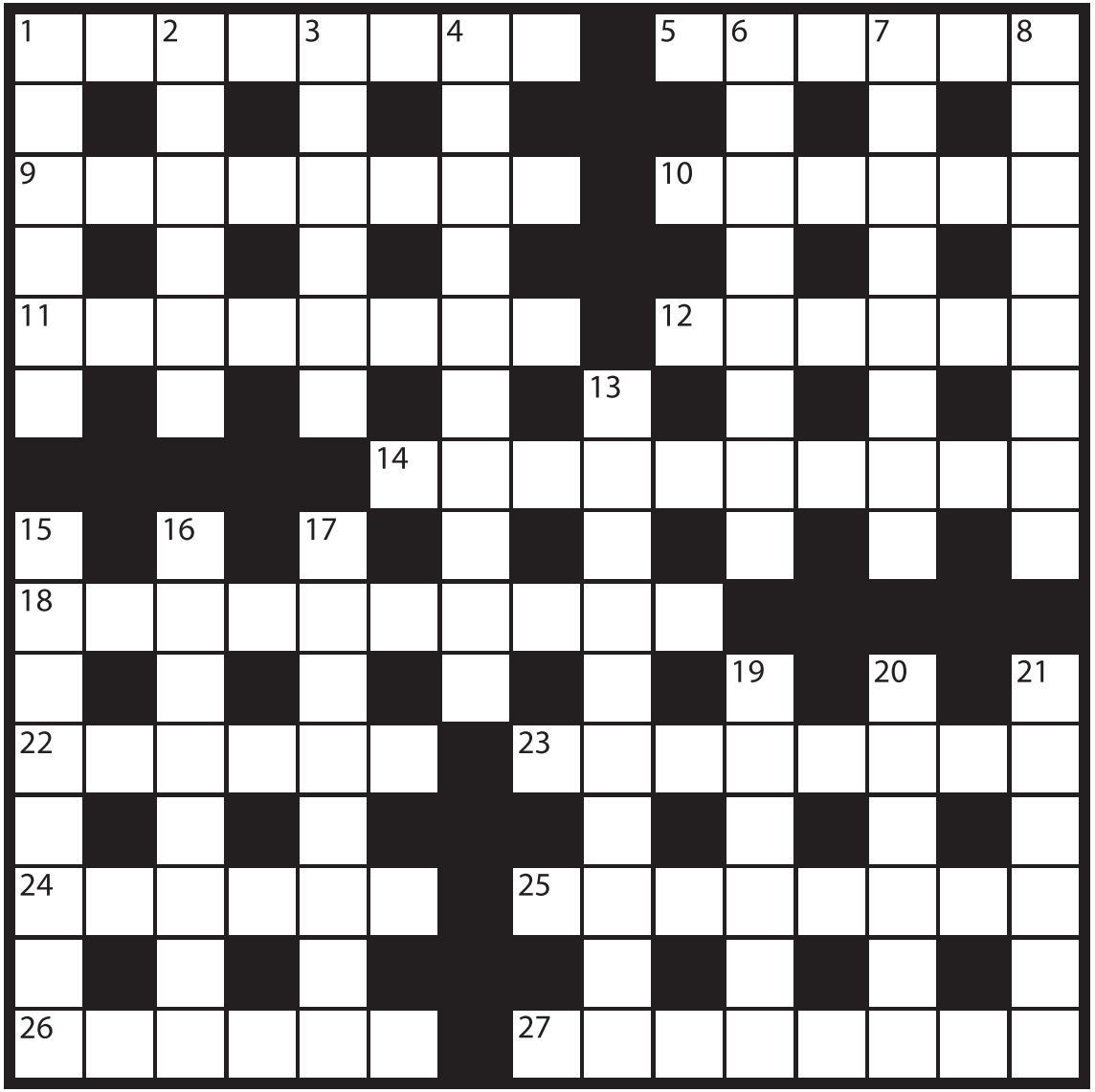
ACROSS

1 Shaft old characters and stick to your guns (4,4)
5 Points to hostile pace - get out! (6)
9 Steer again towards Socialist anger at court (8)
10 Love leaving Steely Dan album - the end of being clumsy (6)
11 Light's working in phone network for all (8)
12 Religious type of circle (6)
14 Writers were torn to shreds in Thebes (3,7)
18 See 1 Down (10)
22 Potent variety of hits (3,3)
23 Cease to flow and label a Sturgeon fan in Home Counties? (8)
24 They beat footballers (6)
25 Go with secret form of processions (8)
26 You shouldn't miss this model (6)
27 Killer of two fools was popular (8)

DOWN

1 And 18ac. Cocktail sausage: why rave about everything before it? (6,10)
2 Convenience of warped ideals (6)
3 Attacks backing a heartless affirmative (6)
4 Back the worker, being used (6-4)
6 Last potential for Northern fuel, reverting to a beast (8)
7 Precise churchman puts Bill first (8)
8 Old queen prepares ices on train (8)
13 Opponents raise them with things holding No 1 comeback (10)
15 Jerks join birdwatchers, right away (8)
16 Superficial pitch absorbs quiet worker (8)
17 Despatched an insect outside for one who's missing (8)



19 A label returned with a laugh by the woman (6)
20 Crones swallow soldier's dish (6)
21 Shanty's not finishing with salt (6)