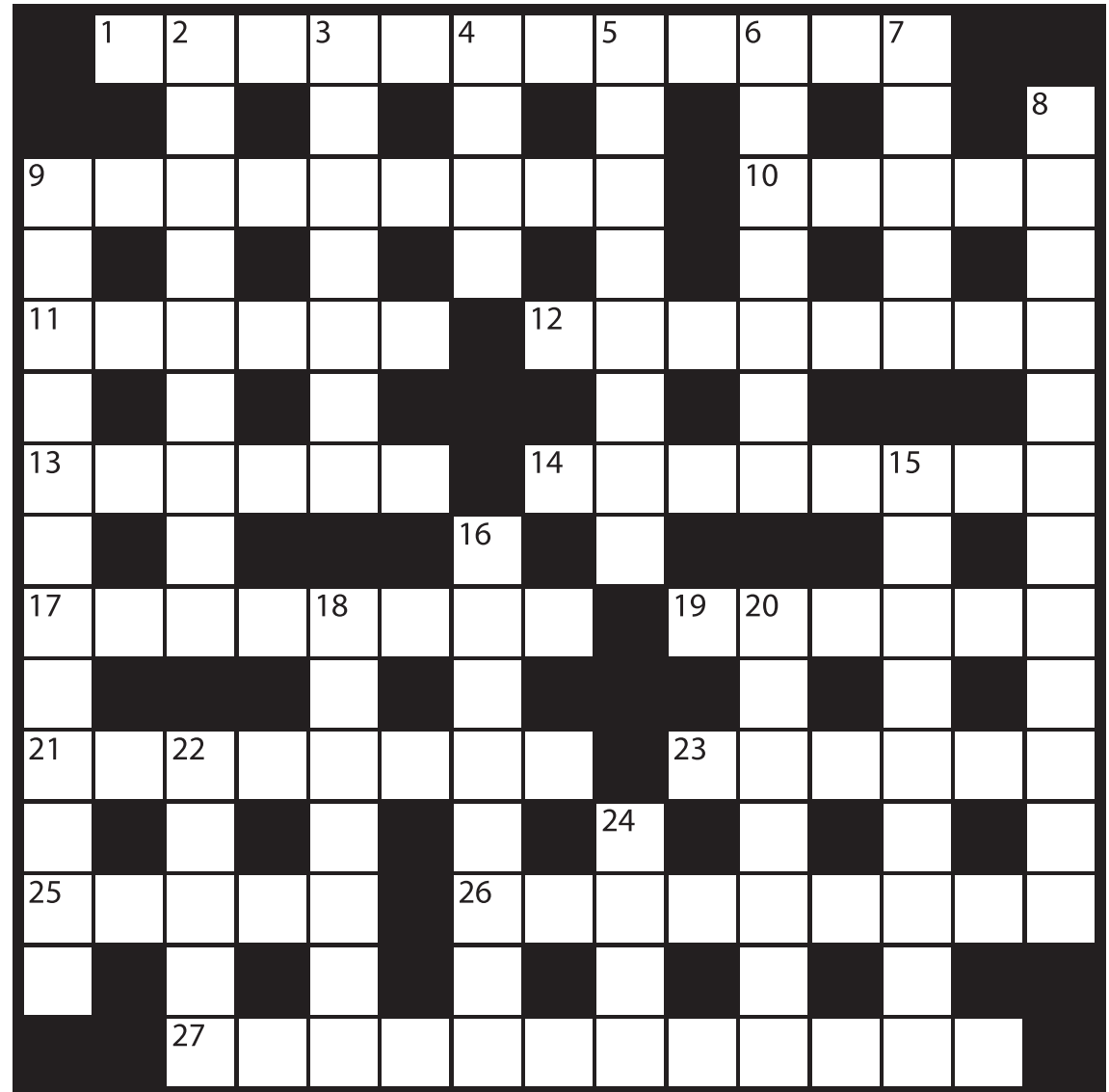


**ACROSS**

- 1 Spanish adventurer against riot squad in conflict (12)
- 9 Wonderful periodical — no time for fiction novel (9)
- 10 Confess after bulb oddly exploded (5)
- 11 Miscreant hidden by cousin nervously (6)
- 12 Building material around on Greek island (8)
- 13 Papers of European, perhaps, needed aboard ship (6)
- 14 Servile before knight that's skilled outside (8)
- 17 Veg revolutionary cook put around plate (8)
- 19 Support casing of electrical pump (6)
- 21 Rays come to develop plant (8)
- 23 Heading off, departed housing on account of work (6)
- 25 Cockney tries to follow new approaches (5)
- 26 Be confused with a drink's flyer (9)
- 27 Hat on step's collected by father, it's found on parcel (7,5)

**DOWN**

- 2 Grandiose cast is well-ordered (9)
- 3 Boz in company of queen, extremely shaky (7)
- 4 Growth in Blairism? Not totally (4)
- 5 Woes resolved with most couples (8)
- 6 Fiasco of French book Alec translated (7)
- 7 Run hotel overlooking a river (5)
- 8 Stuffy adult in event gets drunk (12)
- 9 Disguise problematical situation, receiving small gift (12)
- 15 With ecstasy, you heard him upon unusual instrument (9)
- 16 Request to wear underwear after losing heart in nude state (8)



- 18 Indian food, moment when served up, consumed by soldiers (7)
- 20 Consider official, foremost of lawyers with European court (7)
- 22 Winner is first in hurdles, welcomed by crowd (5)
- 24 Beware place where bear may be sleeping (4)