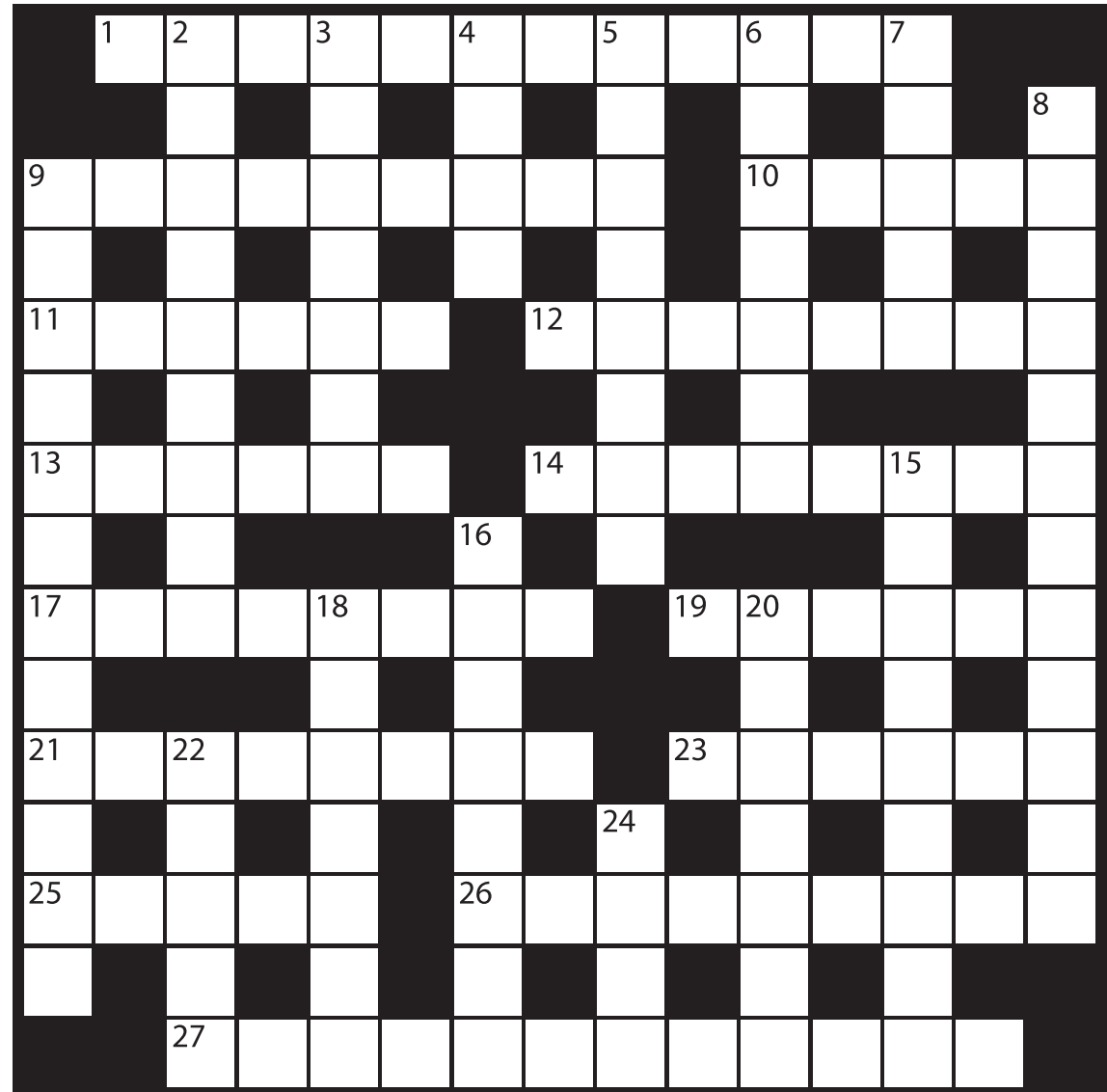


**ACROSS**

- 1 He fits screen in play, amongst other things (5-7)
- 9 Draw old friend (9)
- 10 Alec injured, pierced by knight's weapon (5)
- 11 In grand carriage turning, behold woman (6)
- 12 One giving instruction on small kitchen utensil (8)
- 13 Slips right on back with horse dropping flanks (6)
- 14 Shaking malt to mix with beer (8)
- 17 Youngsters did sleep regularly in mounds (8)
- 19 Body parts blue, ultimately, in Clumsy Smurf (6)
- 21 Measure European snake trapped in Scots town (8)
- 23 Portion of food from tin with peeled paper (6)
- 25 Love great character from Greece (5)
- 26 They test cutting tool rejected by pitmen (9)
- 27 Splendid mime performed ? not complex (6-6)

**DOWN**

- 2 Seafood shelled ? 'pour' wine, cried out (9)
- 3 Comparatively disadvantaged, born with dire rash (7)
- 4 Secure nick having second character escaping (4)
- 5 I refuse to accept idiot's existence (8)
- 6 Cultivation of relationship, admitting everything turned good (7)
- 7 Wrangle with person's ending in defeat (3-2)
- 8 Nobleman imprisoned in iron ship on cape displays bravery (12)
- 9 Team gets on in tricky division (12)



- 15 Mountain natives been shut off around area (9)
- 16 Arab confused with role of trees (8)
- 18 Large island tree contains source of best lotion (3,4)
- 20 Kinsman heading off ? delight! (7)
- 22 Declares a poem incomplete (5)
- 24 Quiet around empty lyceum (4)