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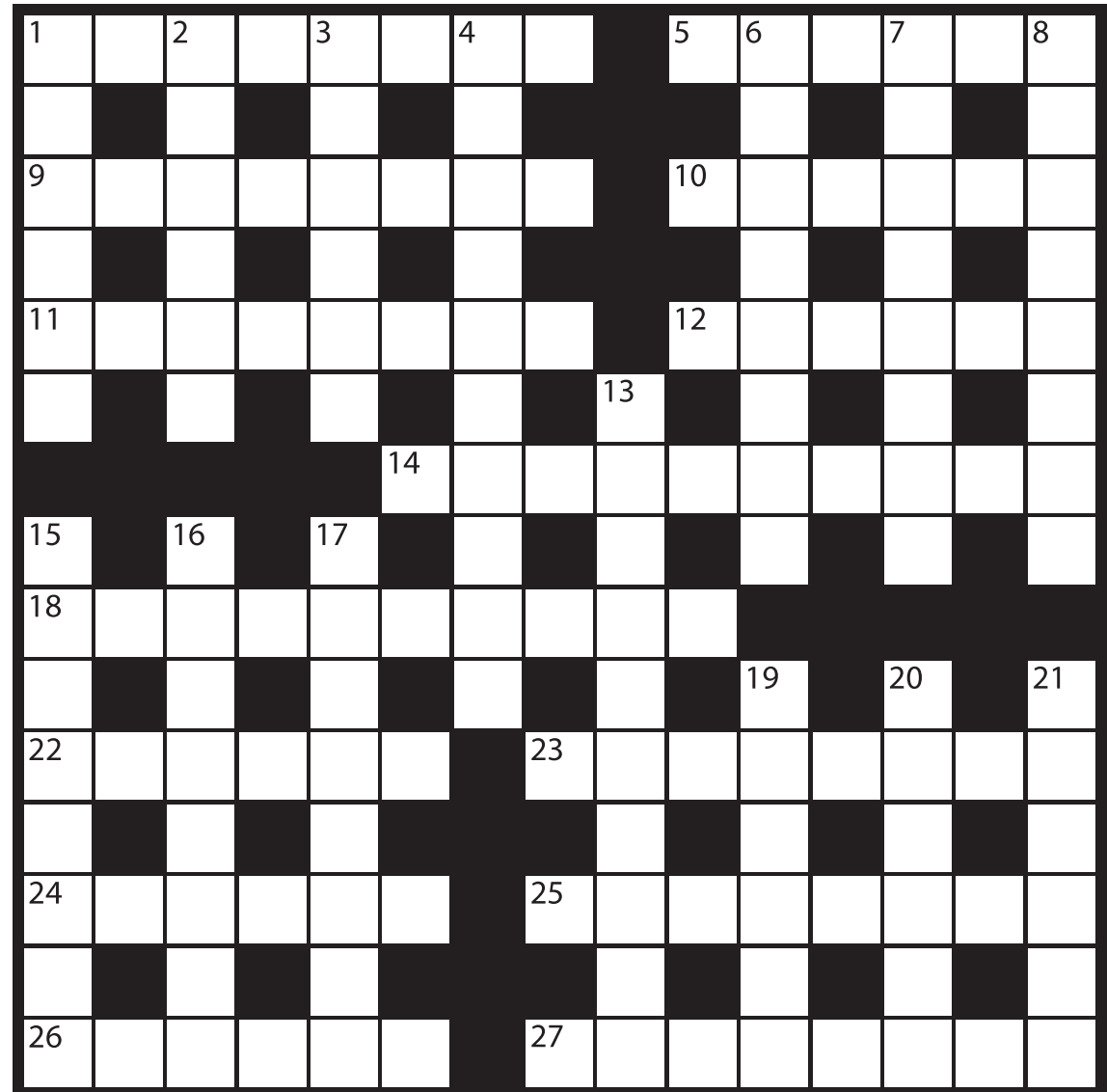
- 1 Aggravation on ship becomes redundant (8)
 5 Carnival occasion found if seat is disturbed (6)
 9 Finished with spoken symphony by Beethoven (8)
 10 Healthy transport is in decay (6)
 11 His creative work is deeply impressive (8)
 12 Father's bird is too old for the job! (4, 2) (6)
 14 Game boss producing good position for expansion (10)
 18 New Year - I'm bored without a sewer's work (10)
 22 Complains about heartless energy source embracing what's mature (6)
 23 Secret coteries, perhaps (8)
 24 A legendary victim of soaring ambition (6)
 25 Firm clue for "compassionate" (8)
 26 Little relative absorbs woman with riddles (6)
 27 Various designs to a dress (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sleep with the French in Italy (6)
 2 Points to a portent, which could be red and a-flutter (6)
 3 Laugh at chump, bringing back a cleaning brush (6)
 4 People weren't at liberty in this old traffic (5,5)
 6 Fashionably tailored, he's concerned with his image (8)
 7 Nuts are found in them - and bolts (8)
 8 A non-drinker I duet badly with - that's my position! (8)
 13 Those who are named for the post (10)
 15 Using new enclosure, initially, for birds (8)

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- 16 Compel to do a favour and include thanks in return (8)
 17 A variety of Bute rose, I admit (2,2,4)
 19 A firm after fresh cuts still goes to the wall! (6)
 20 No amateur is apt to benefit (6)
 21 Climbed up to be weighed (6)