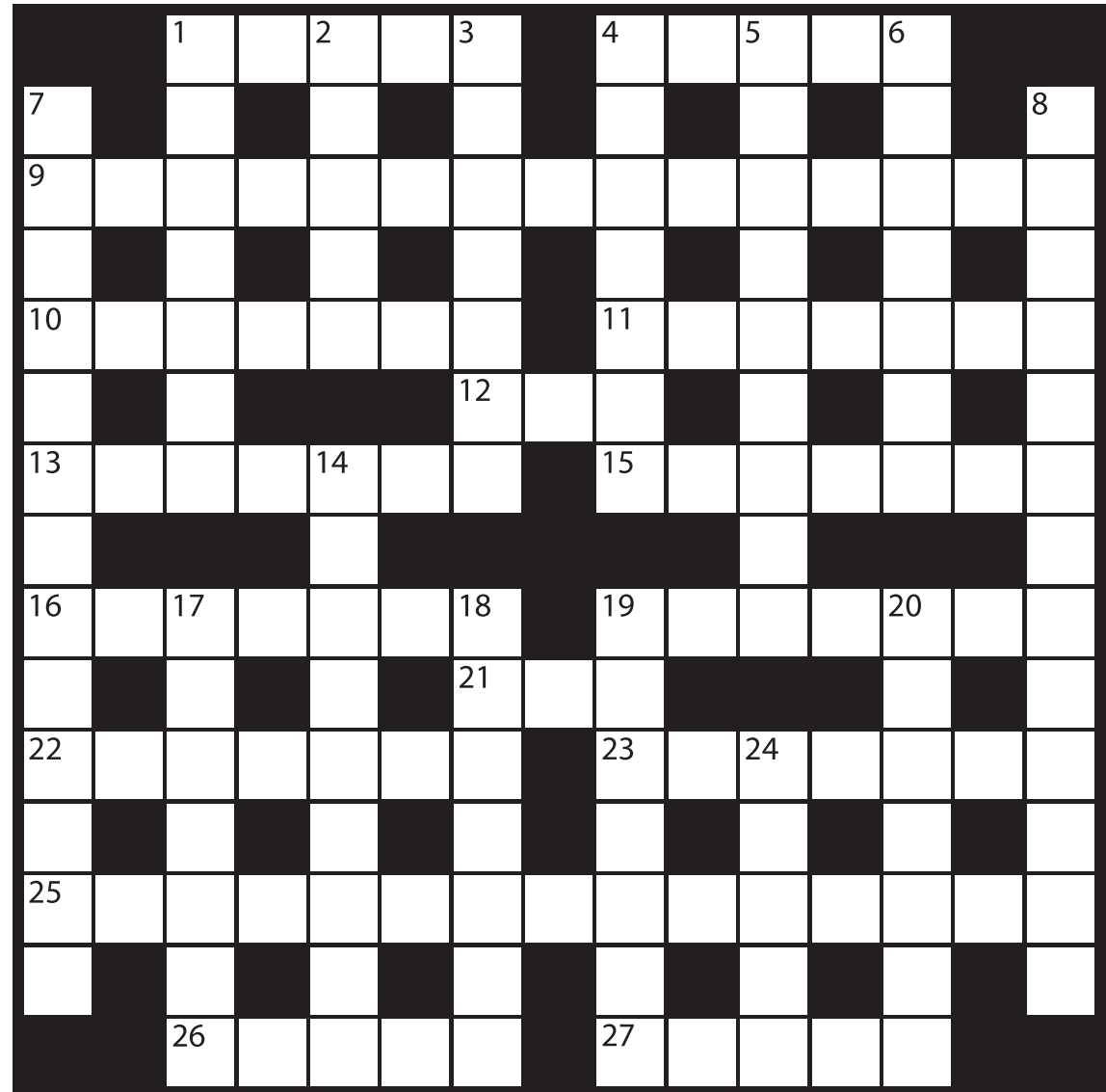


ACROSS

- 1 Subject to snap (5)
- 4 The fools caught loads! (5)
- 9 Give up fighting (5,2,3,5)
- 10 Son needs bottle avoiding answer and punishment (7)
- 11 Butt in and upset doubter (7)
- 12 Routine of Proust, regularly (3)
- 13 Represents performances that are cancelled? (4,3)
- 15 Let off after sketch becomes target for bowler (7)
- 16 Cheap crowd surrounding female sailor (3-4)
- 19 Some leaving as tricky for the stomach (7)
- 21 Listener in tears? (3)
- 22 Airborne soldier ties up in harbour, we hear - that's an absurdity (7)
- 23 Sort of road going round to Blair, strangely (7)
- 25 The road to ruin (9,6)
- 26 Strain, seeing the first lady is back (5)
- 27 Ask for quiet conduct (5)

DOWN

- 1 The result of people voting (7)
- 2 Portugal suppressing debtor's strength (5)
- 3 Change direction in secret (7)
- 4 Collusion of a co-host in rebellion (7)
- 5 Does better than Proust - it's different (9)
- 6 What a carpenter may make of a good deal? (7)
- 7 Wild alsatian paces slowly (2,1,6,4)
- 8 Censored, abandoned cell bed line-up (4-9)
- 14 Finished approach to house in higher gear (9)



- 17 Sings of fighting Belgium and the French (7)
- 18 Message I'll broadcast must be material (7)
- 19 Confess supporting King George as adult (5-2)
- 20 Gave up work and went to bed (7)
- 24 Audibly expresses disapproval of drink (5)