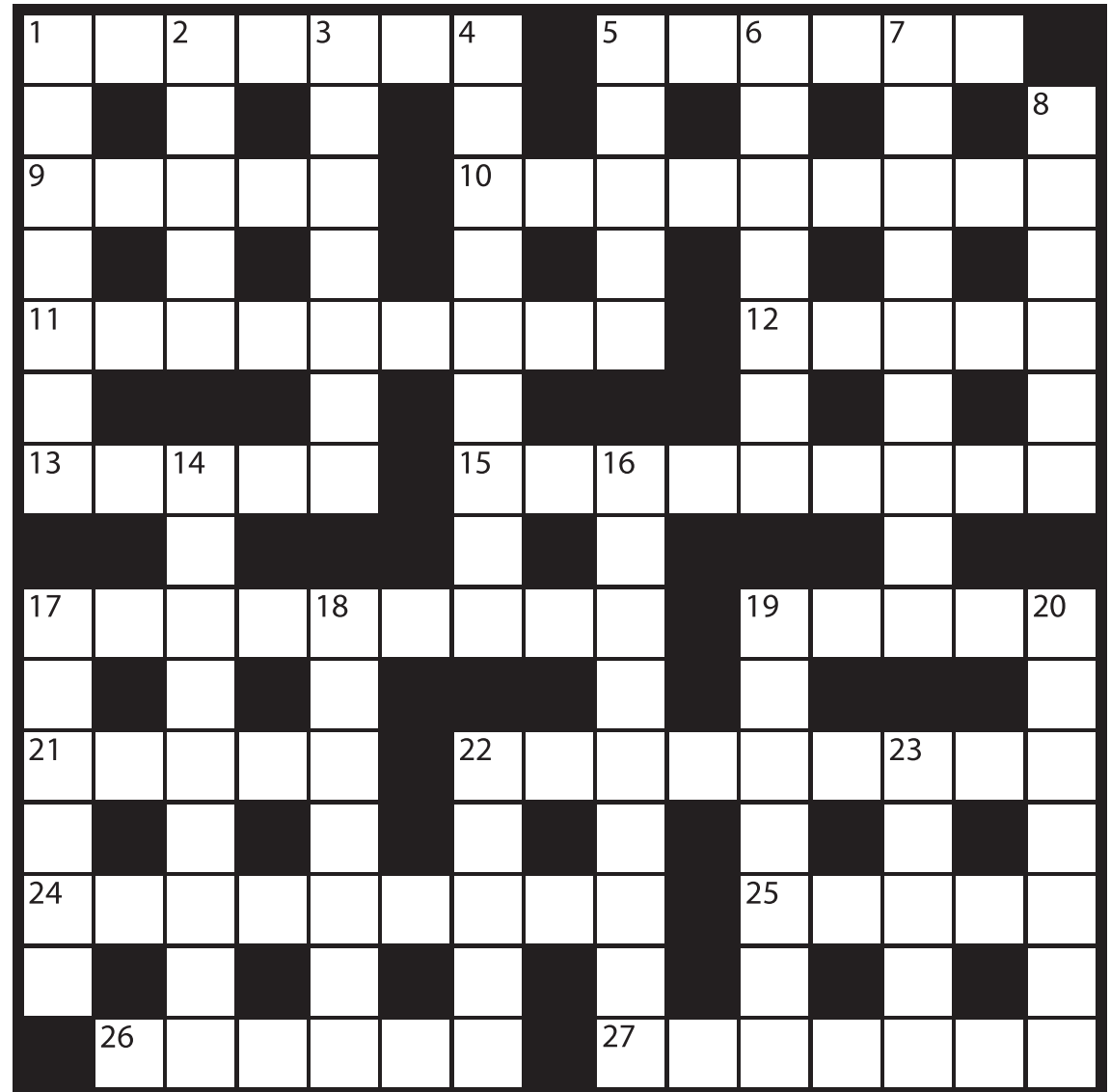


ACROSS

- 1 African republic destroyed regalia (7)
- 5 Front of building not what it appears to be? (6)
- 9 Boat requires skill (5)
- 10 Dog-end Edward cut short (9)
- 11 I'm receiving treatment for being restless (9)
- 12 Journey to the east is rubbish (5)
- 13 Clean air out there (5)
- 15 Means of protection in case urn breaks (9)
- 17 Learner one castigates but lets go (9)
- 19 Part of the seventeenth occasion (5)
- 21 Dog's run into wheel I conclude (5)
- 22 Incredulous of dodgy Celtic spa (9)
- 24 Theatre worker curiously hasn't aged (9)
- 25 Open a new page (5)
- 26 Get one's goat a weed (6)
- 27 Abandons the trenches (7)

DOWN

- 1 Attribute to a writer (7)
- 2 Understand note is on top of file (5)
- 3 This goes up and down and round and round (7)
- 4 St Michael's beaten up old metal worker (9)
- 5 Original tree on street (5)
- 6 Ship's mat? (7)
- 7 Daughter leads union in time-wasting action (9)
- 8 Stick notice in this place (6)
- 14 Sleep for a long time in the brae, strangely (9)
- 16 Deferred use charged externally (9)



- 17 Copper embraced by missing stripper (6)
- 18 Clothes appearing from exotic minaret (7)
- 19 Passage in former bit of land (7)
- 20 Bank staff who give away secrets? (7)
- 22 Turn taps with energy and create a flood (5)
- 23 Train or bus (5)