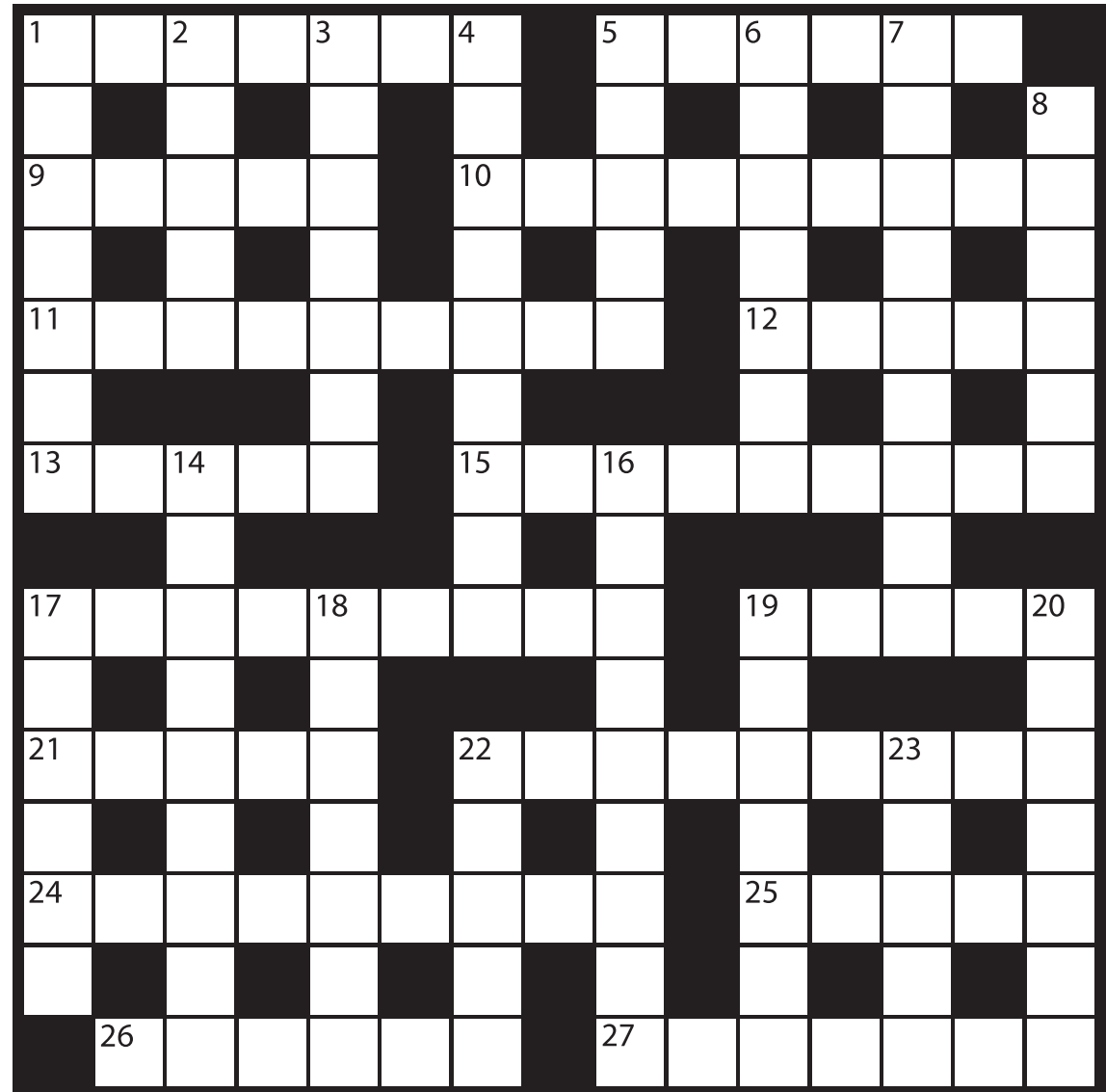


**ACROSS**

- 1 Strive to study with nurse (7)
- 5 Beast given first aid (6)
- 9 Cooked pies containing cold cinnamon, say (5)
- 10 Did they leave willingly? (9)
- 11 In debt, it's concluded – pinched (9)
- 12 Those people with eastern subject (5)
- 13 Discovered there's nothing in store (5)
- 15 Submit a motion to alight on high plateau (9)
- 17 Wiped out when same cards dealt (9)
- 19 Bird's claw in part of Catalonia (5)
- 21 Hated appalling loss of life (5)
- 22 Go to pieces when one has trouble with the car? (5,4)
- 24 Terrible Ivan rules worldwide (9)
- 25 Being innocent, I entered into part of church (5)
- 26 Consents to keeping engineers in a long time (6)
- 27 You and I are second to rent out cowboy film (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Discard actors not up to scratch (4,3)
- 2 One stuck in organ making a racket (5)
- 3 Removed errors from note and made good (7)
- 4 Belittler of French farm vehicle (9)
- 5 Priest loses his head – it's a crime (5)
- 6 Throw around rattles and cause fright (7)
- 7 Obstruct discussion about field boundary (9)
- 8 Port doesn't deteriorate (6)
- 14 Giving generously, yet without mercy (9)
- 16 Sleeping partner? (9)



- 17 Average sort of spiritualist (6)
- 18 The tale spread about sportsman (7)
- 19 Thanks to royalty for revenue (7)
- 20 Grandmother eager to get cotton cloth (7)
- 22 Fundamental principle, one embraced by singer (5)
- 23 Nothing on grape plant is for sheep (5)