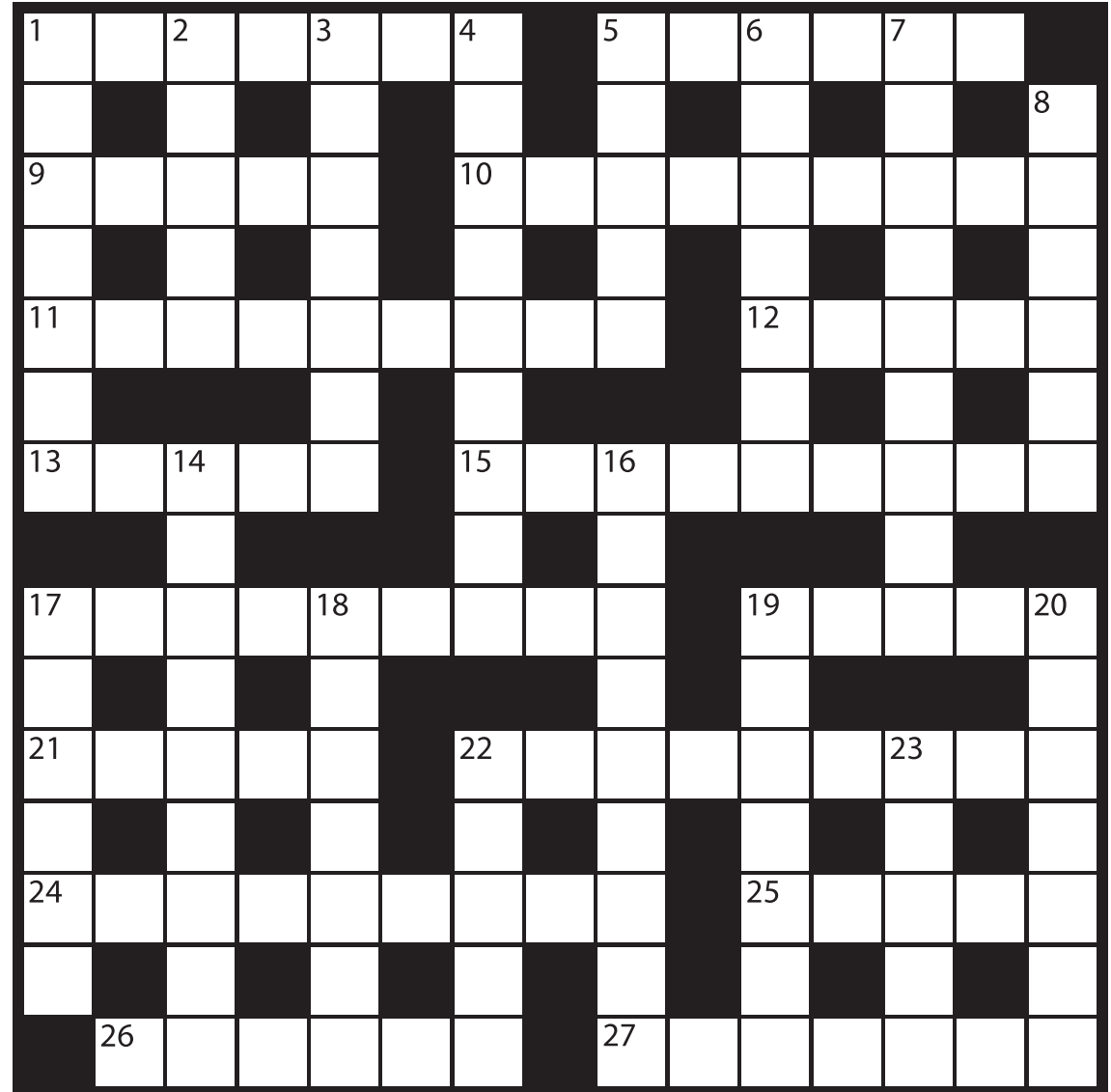


ACROSS

- 1 Ponders about answer (7)
- 5 Coiled round and easily managed (6)
- 9 I love intricate fabric (5)
- 10 Show supporting weight (9)
- 11 To set up mother with acting part is a pointless procedure (9)
- 12 Open circle in front of green (5)
- 13 Carefully move novice onto canvas support (5)
- 15 Disclosure of commercial aim (9)
- 17 Estimates made by accountant sheltering in woods (9)
- 19 Possibly have power (5)
- 21 Left with terrible hate for turning machine (5)
- 22 The Spanish, in part, have a choice (9)
- 24 North bear, wild and loathsome (9)
- 25 Former Russian states almost produce type of curry (5)
- 26 Following commercial, trio turned out to be skilful (6)
- 27 Equestrian competitor in bit of uneven terrain (7)

DOWN

- 1 Back up king with severe complication (7)
- 2 Confidence trick causes sharp pain (5)
- 3 It's protective clothing, as a whole (7)
- 4 Negotiators have qualification certificates – about time (9)
- 5 Monotonous sound of worker? (5)
- 6 Inquisitive wretch with debts (7)
- 7 Moving awkwardly, spilt gin under timber (9)
- 8 Scientist reveals reduced weight in noble gas (6)
- 14 Slightly injured, so withdrew from race (9)



- 16 Motel site demolished, parasitic plant found (9)
- 17 Sea bird seen in colourful marina (6)
- 18 After applause, I love to say goodbye (7)
- 19 Gruesome mother with weird brace (7)
- 20 Moroccan town with stronger flavour (7)
- 22 Smell small coin (5)
- 23 Little piece of land is rented (5)