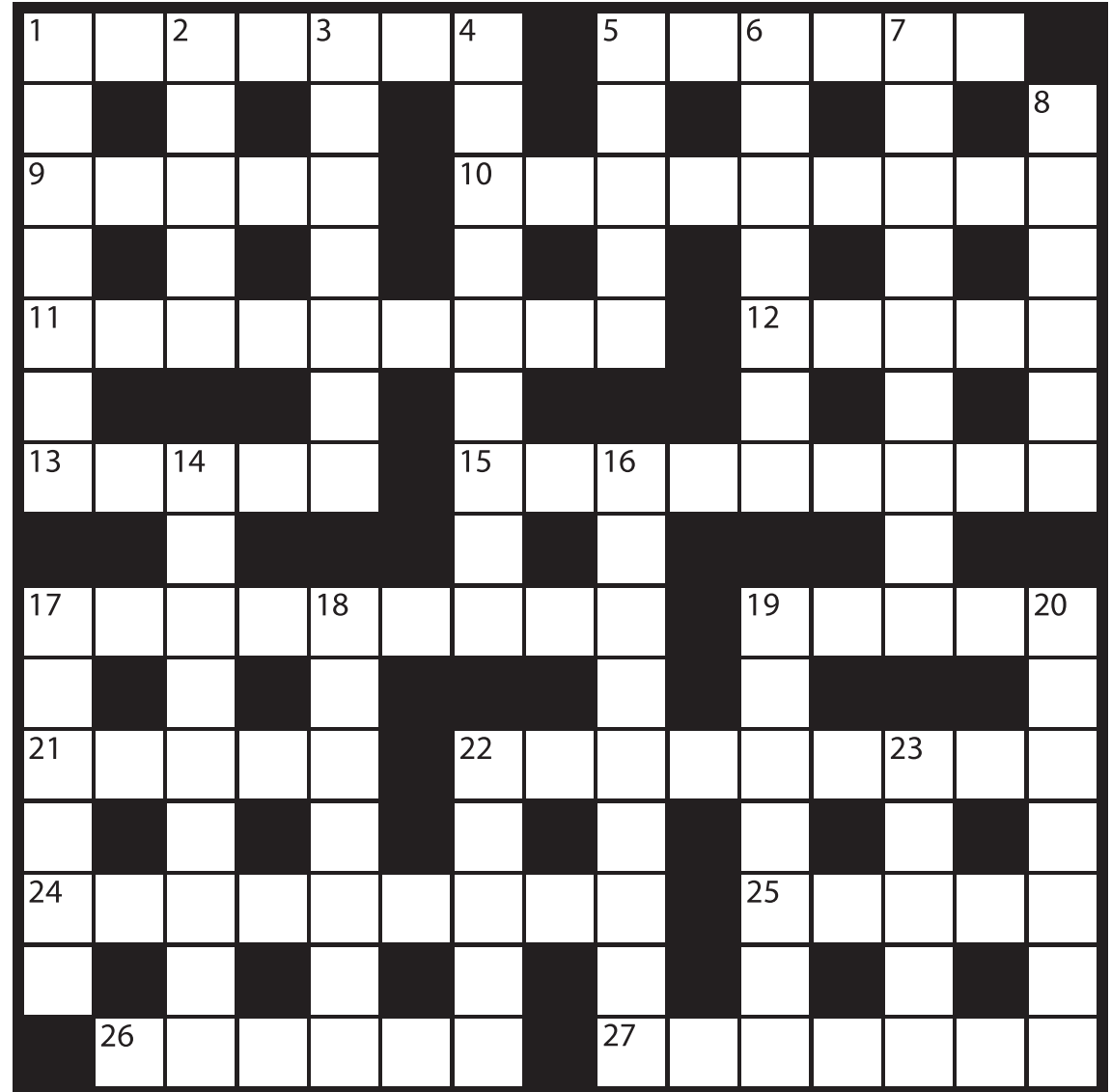


ACROSS

- 1 Promised to find idiot, terribly rude (7)
- 5 Softer sort of wood (6)
- 9 Dominion of true male (5)
- 10 Tories ail badly – patience needed (9)
- 11 Tender politician's collection (9)
- 12 Lifer misused gun (5)
- 13 Journey to the Orient to get offal (5)
- 15 Engineers' task to get pardon (9)
- 17 After the trial, meant stupidly to produce proof (9)
- 19 Rebellious cadet played a part (5)
- 21 Ship entering squall in error (5)
- 22 Shady male reforming in a regretful manner (9)
- 24 Four come in to kill administrator (9)
- 25 Racket made by one in organ (5)
- 26 No dent disfigured sinew (6)
- 27 There's no telling if these are to be kept! (7)

DOWN

- 1 Show left at Heathrow, perhaps (7)
- 2 Disrupted fast female workforce (5)
- 3 Great regret about TV copper (7)
- 4 Conversation about Diana's part of meal (9)
- 5 Young horse sick in outskirts of Fowey (5)
- 6 Leaves work and goes to bed (7)
- 7 This person's a miser – hide the stone! (9)
- 8 River always enclosed by two points (6)
- 14 Nice siren? Wrong, hypocritical (9)
- 16 Without a rival and without a game, apparently (9)
- 17 Rudder takes two lefts in a row (6)



- 18 A piece of land is in shallow water (7)
- 19 Girl can put up calendar (7)
- 20 Boring head experienced thirst (7)
- 22 Extraterrestrial takes a boy upwards (5)
- 23 Motivation witnessed on the golf course (5)