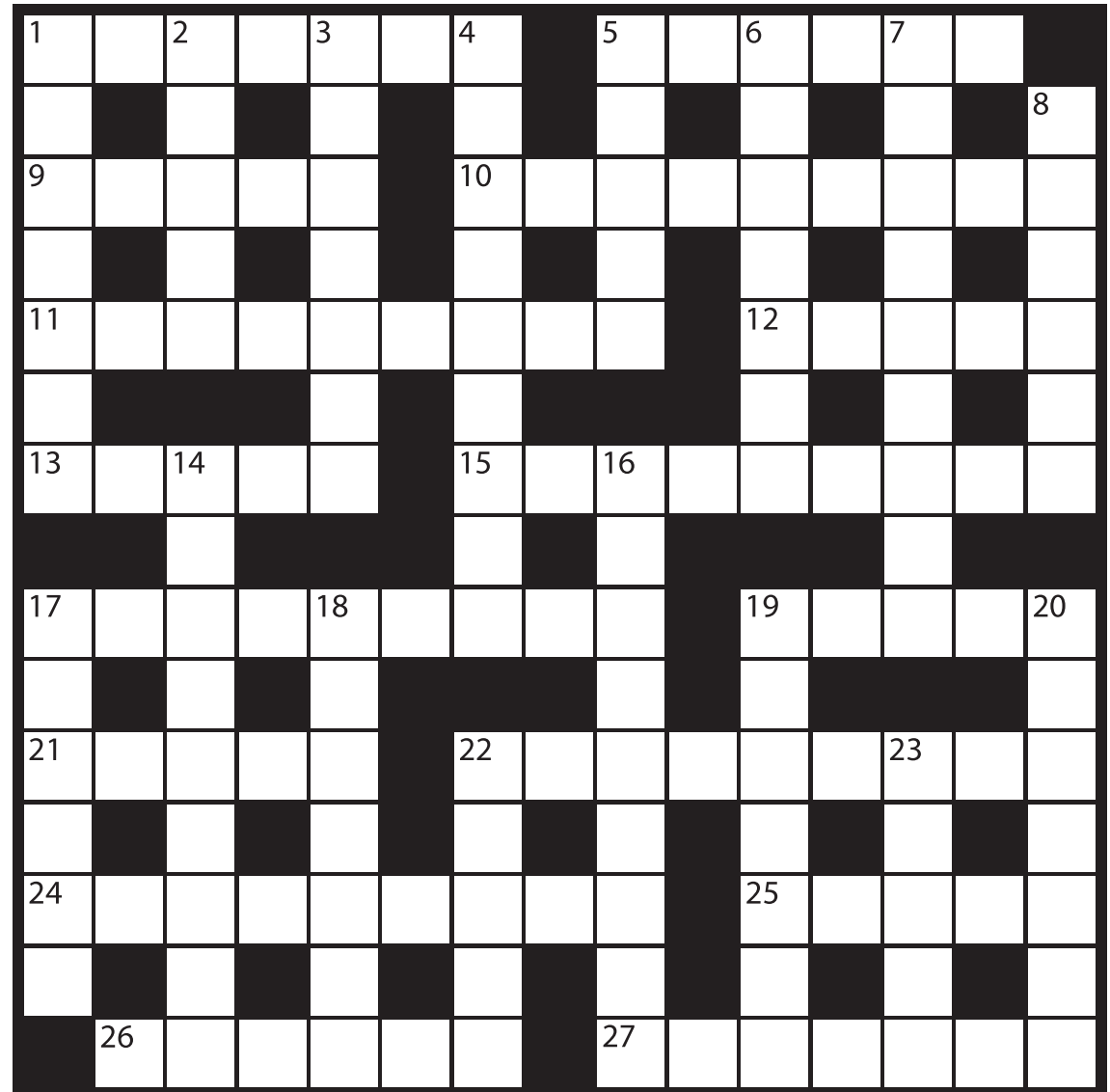


**ACROSS**

- 1 Reactionary had dire trouble (7)
- 5 Light meal taken at home after petty quarrel (6)
- 9 Roam unhappily around bend to find love (5)
- 10 Swimmer Dicky Ford's wish (9)
- 11 Working in the theatre? (9)
- 12 Scoundrel removing top of shoe (5)
- 13 Northern area producing oyster's shell layer (5)
- 15 Asking earnestly to dine with one in factory (9)
- 17 Goes back on promise about commercial for traitors (9)
- 19 Annoying person has nothing on – what sauce! (5)
- 21 Gratuity returned with thanks for bread (5)
- 22 Company in this place joins new church for consistency (9)
- 24 Aspiring to limit debts (9)
- 25 Country where morning massage was brought back (5)
- 26 Penny and noblemen produce stones (6)
- 27 East to allow chaps in – small amount (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Cavalryman sees monster inspiring oxygen (7)
- 2 Diminish as some hero declined (5)
- 3 Ventilate bottom of military centre (7)
- 4 Little Diana's failed to make a hit, so sacked (9)
- 5 Right to leave crowd to get leather strap (5)
- 6 From fear, led out in alliance (7)
- 7 Gelatine is in schooner, perhaps (9)
- 8 Earth scattered over square, causing menace (6)
- 14 Police officer takes criminals on board (9)
- 16 State shop rebuilt with utmost speed (4-5)



- 17 Answer question about a second match (6)
- 18 Nurseryman who works extremely hard? (7)
- 19 Standard, competent religious story (7)
- 20 Show too much emotion about law (7)
- 22 Mark is annoyed (5)
- 23 Cheek never damaged (5)