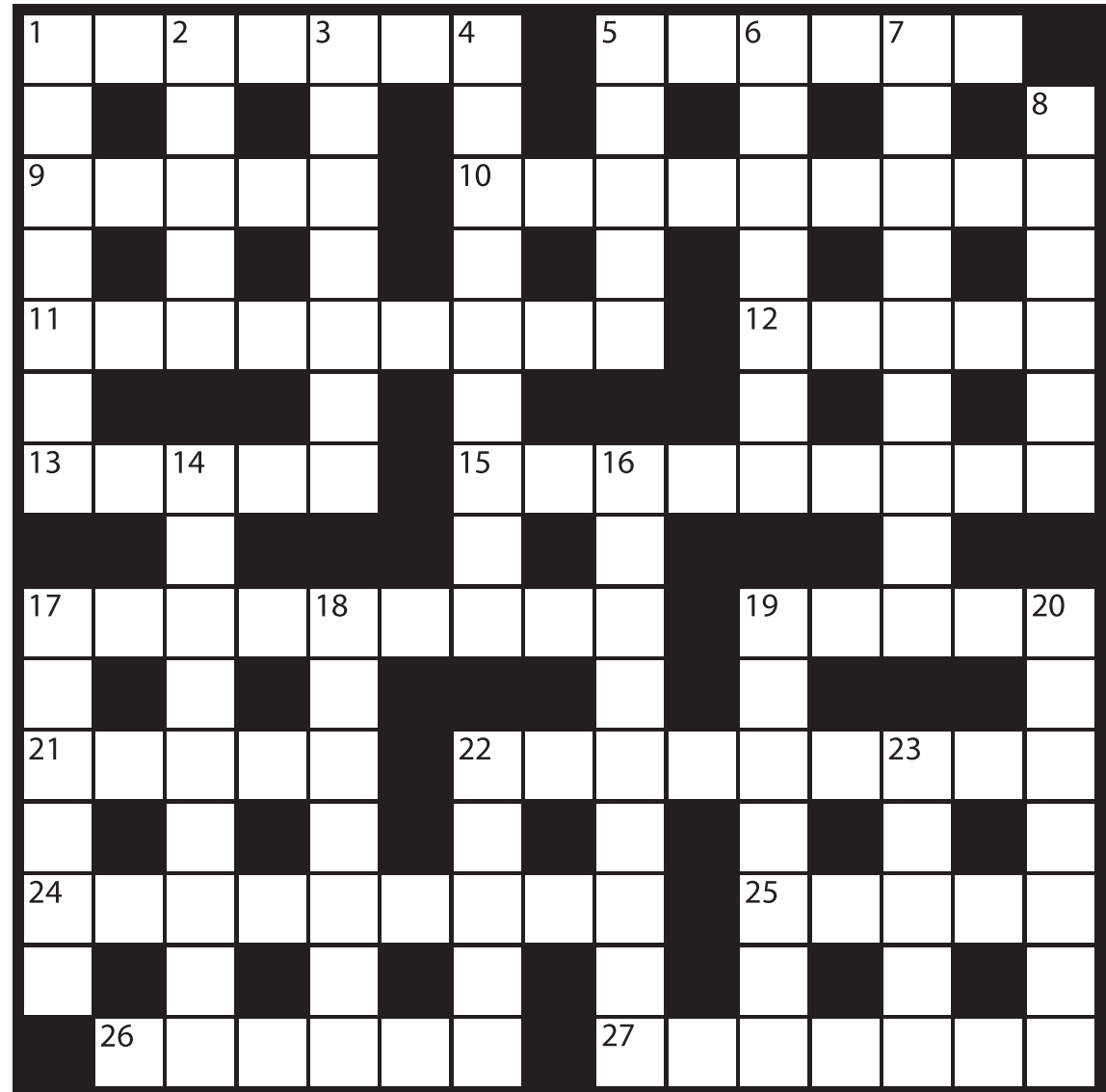


ACROSS

- 1 Shorten a spanner (7)
- 5 Case study about painting (6)
- 9 Producing sound by breaking up coins (5)
- 10 Instant means of communication in time, perhaps (9)
- 11 Once again listens to a learner at practice (9)
- 12 Changeling hides divine messenger (5)
- 13 Right to leave hike for leisurely walk (5)
- 15 Finished plan for financial arrangement (9)
- 17 Being naked, peacekeepers applied protective covering (9)
- 19 Groom to write about engineer (5)
- 21 Sound of bird pushed right inside fried potato (5)
- 22 Pardoning what presents are! (9)
- 24 Purpose of neon tint I prepared (9)
- 25 Tuber cooked for beast (5)
- 26 Put money into fashionable underwear (6)
- 27 Mountain woman needs a break (7)

DOWN

- 1 Al leaves Down Under for another country (7)
- 2 Farm managed by church (5)
- 3 Expiry brings contentment after a month (7)
- 4 Discharges from Eastern embassies (9)
- 5 Arrived with pupil following animal (5)
- 6 Queen of Hearts, say, in the ref's pocket? (3,4)
- 7 Agreed on a mixed fruit drink (9)
- 8 French girl in training for gunshot (6)
- 14 Not good source of money on the game (9)



- 16 Nun raced wildly east, showing stamina (9)
- 17 Mischievous child found in the sea? (6)
- 18 Wide area where vessels are found in river (7)
- 19 Penny inclined to be easily influenced (7)
- 20 Disregard information sent back by crazy Celt (7)
- 22 Pretend to swoon, we hear (5)
- 23 Become hard in river (5)