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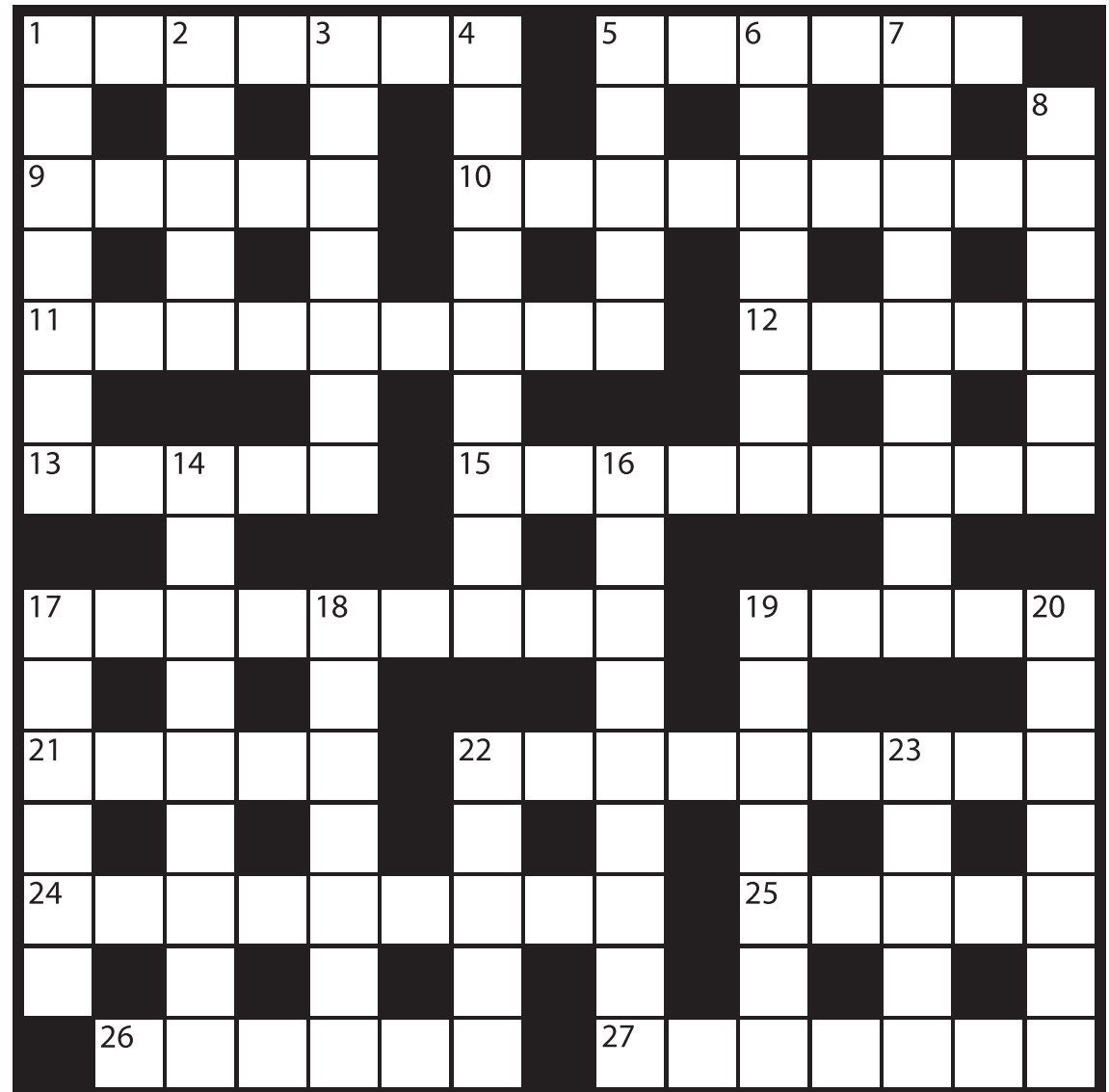
- 1 Ponders another reply (7)
- 5 Wheel locks left in temporary settlements (6)
- 9 Unusually fit, he is one who takes by stealth (5)
- 10 City where meat is found by the water (9)
- 11 No longer stress it's something added to the building (9)
- 12 Sort of canoe in the main (5)
- 13 Push right into seedy nightclub (5)
- 15 I rang them about awful experience (9)
- 17 Extended spout, perhaps, by study (9)
- 19 Radiant smile about river fish (5)
- 21 Journey to the Orient to get offal (5)
- 22 Means test arranged for leading politicians (9)
- 24 I bet Hazel upset another woman (9)
- 25 Heavyweight in charge of the pick-me-up (5)
- 26 Aim by listener to win affection (6)
- 27 Don once again to make amends (7)

DOWN

- 1 Once more take steps to improve the tyre (7)
- 2 Very fast bird? (5)
- 3 Crime can cause annoyance (7)
- 4 Waste of time, daughter having marriage (9)
- 5 Group of witches hiding in alcove, naturally (5)
- 6 Dry wine at Heathrow, for example (7)
- 7 Deep Roman construction provides seafront walkway (9)
- 8 Take a casual look at a note on the weapon (6)
- 14 Perception needed in teaching (9)

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- 16 Man present at the christening is criminal boss (9)
- 17 Stable boy stole round by river (6)
- 18 Talk stupidly about the Spanish churchman (7)
- 19 What the lamb did – whined (7)
- 20 Alarms chaps leading with high cards (7)
- 22 Direct a bull (5)
- 23 Finely cut way to walk affectedly (5)