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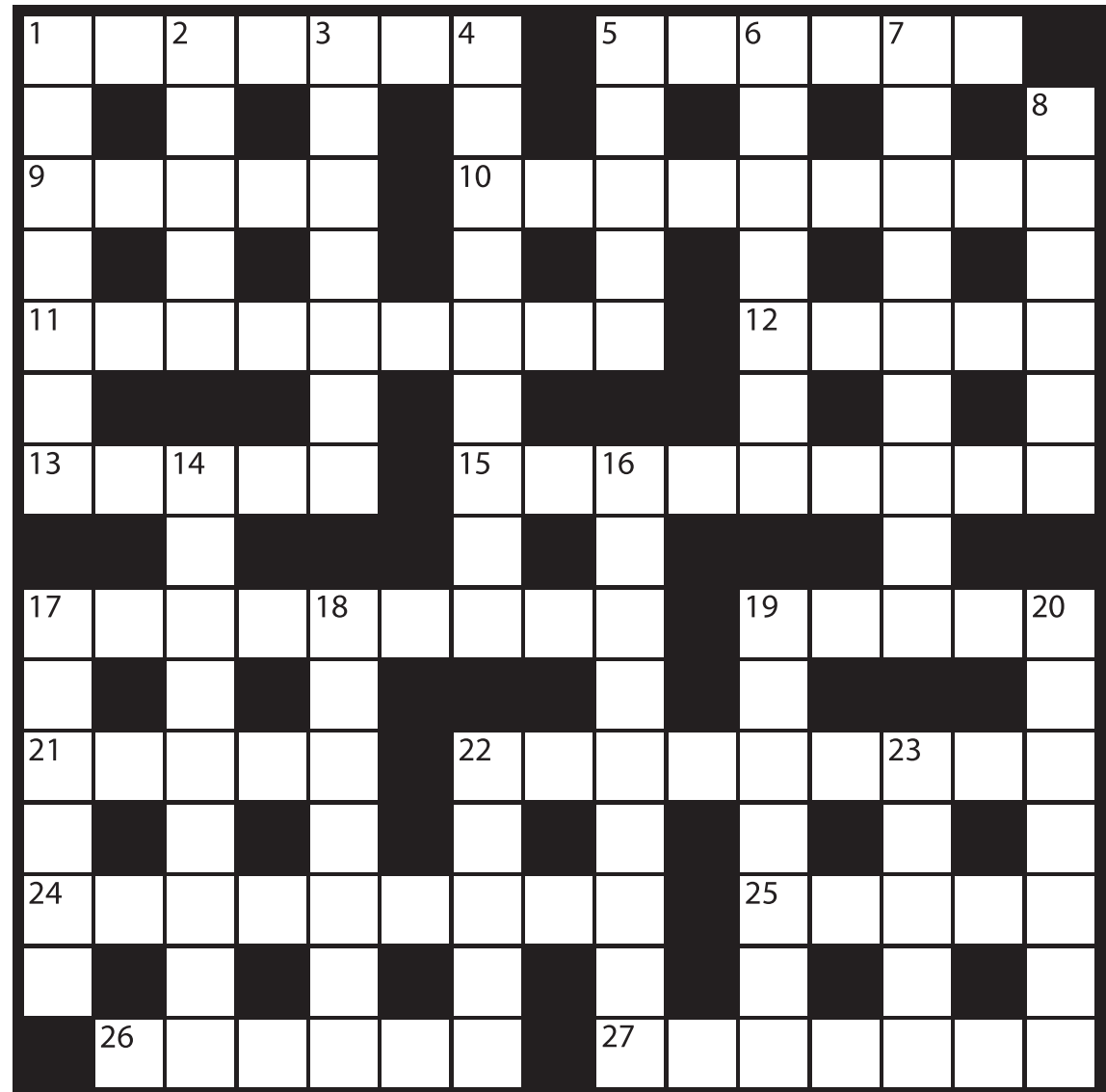
- 1 Boil has festered – put an end to it (7)
 5 The best and the most delicate (6)
 9 Establish a good start in the tennis match (3,2)
 10 Tuna nicer minced? Doubtful (9)
 11 Cabinet makers? (9)
 12 Eccentric sort of route (5)
 13 European grabs top of cotton reel (5)
 15 Old boy's term for compulsive preoccupation (9)
 17 Controller organised regal tour (9)
 19 Being about to commence (5)
 21 Seated in luxury fabric (5)
 22 Being forthright, ditch social worker (9)
 24 He sold ale, unusually, in this sort of property (9)
 25 Door fastener found in stall at Chepstow (5)
 26 Said officer is a bit of a nut (6)
 27 Considers sending message of goodwill (7)

DOWN

- 1 Undertook Medusa's destruction (7)
 2 Frequently expressed as a decimal? (5)
 3 In building of semi, fool turns up a dead end (7)
 4 Suitable residence for one who wants to be near a bank? (9)
 5 Concentrate with government department and copper on point (5)
 6 On edge over sun damage (7)
 7 Setting out to embrace trainee is astounding (9)
 8 Lock up in winter, naturally (6)
 14 I rang them about awful experience (9)

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- 16 Getting more confident about split, give up (9)
 17 Take livestock from Ulster (6)
 18 What is needed for travelling light? (7)
 19 Support record arrears of work (7)
 20 Cuts on chest treated (7)
 22 Time to wind up the monster (5)
 23 Changing rates is a bloomer (5)