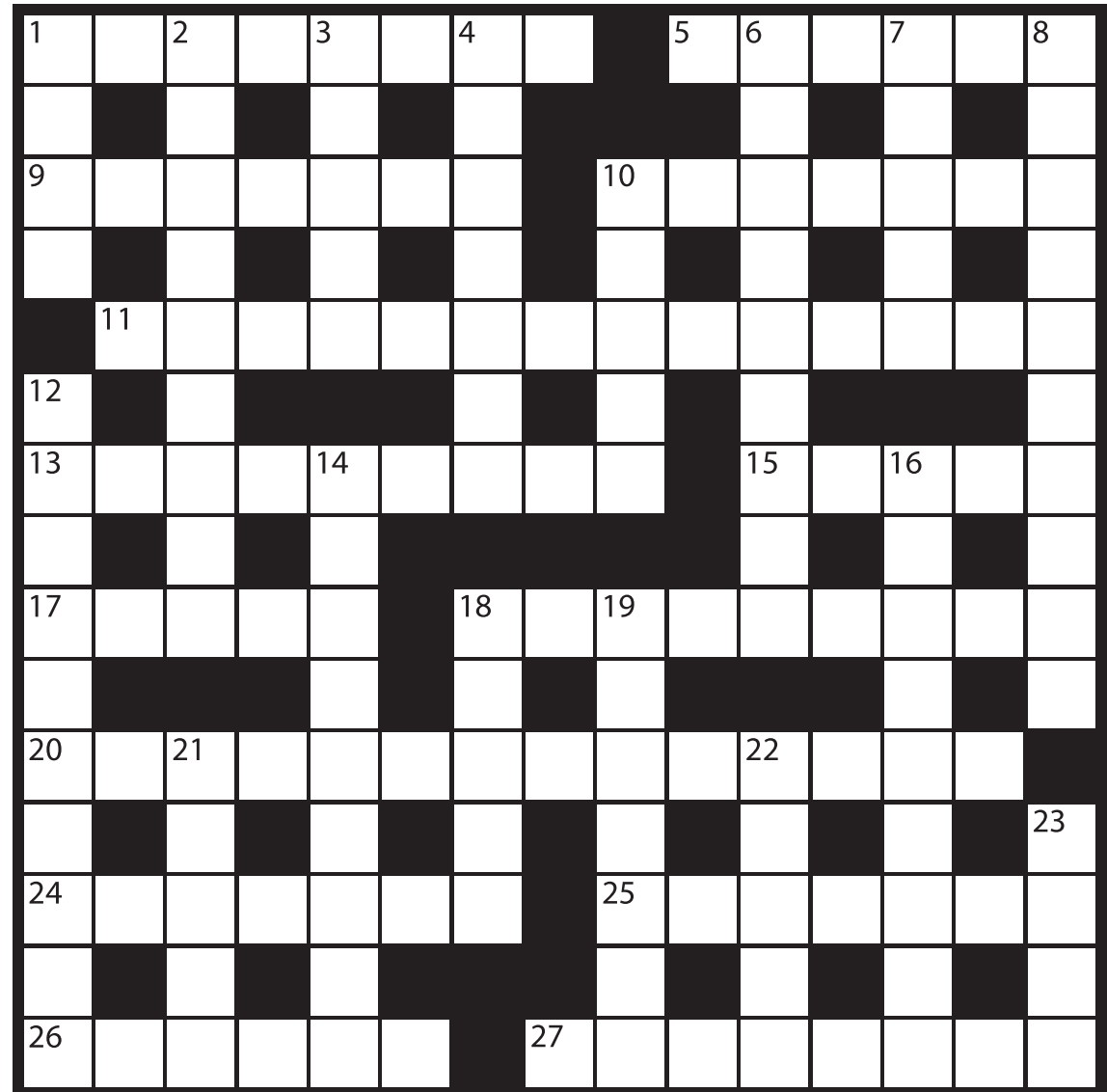


**ACROSS**

- 1 Bag designed in UK cracks (8)
- 5 Pasty pig swallows whole (6)
- 9 Hopelessness wrongly praised (7)
- 10 Reportedly collected for inspection in plant (7)
- 11 Underhand dealings made by leading firm on Monday (6,8)
- 13 Working for oneself in a country catching fish (9)
- 15 Snake seen in summer? (5)
- 17 Finished with a dish from Italy (5)
- 18 Where one may eat ice after a crumble (9)
- 20 Find the lady there, perhaps, with an eccentric fool (5-4,5)
- 24 I'm to verify and make better (7)
- 25 Waits for leftovers (7)
- 26 Got the shakes in downtrodden quarters (6)
- 27 Mistakes with flowers (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Travel free over the East (4)
- 2 Clients curse most terribly (9)
- 3 Hit fishing vessel (5)
- 4 Continue with unrestrained behaviour (5,2)
- 6 One attacks when worker pinches canvas (9)
- 7 Let in fifty first, rest to follow (5)
- 8 Extra cover is extensive (10)
- 10 Rodent in middle of foaming river (5)
- 12 Below par? Action on the green is unnerving (3-7)
- 14 Overlooks foliage in blossom? (6,3)
- 16 Vet and I cried out for order (9)



- 18 Hunt with Charles, head of estate (5)
- 19 From fear, led out in alliance (7)
- 21 Rugby Union fellow's not right making money in Delhi (5)
- 22 Lover with capital? Nothing (5)
- 23 Invites a king on board ship (4)