

## ACROSS

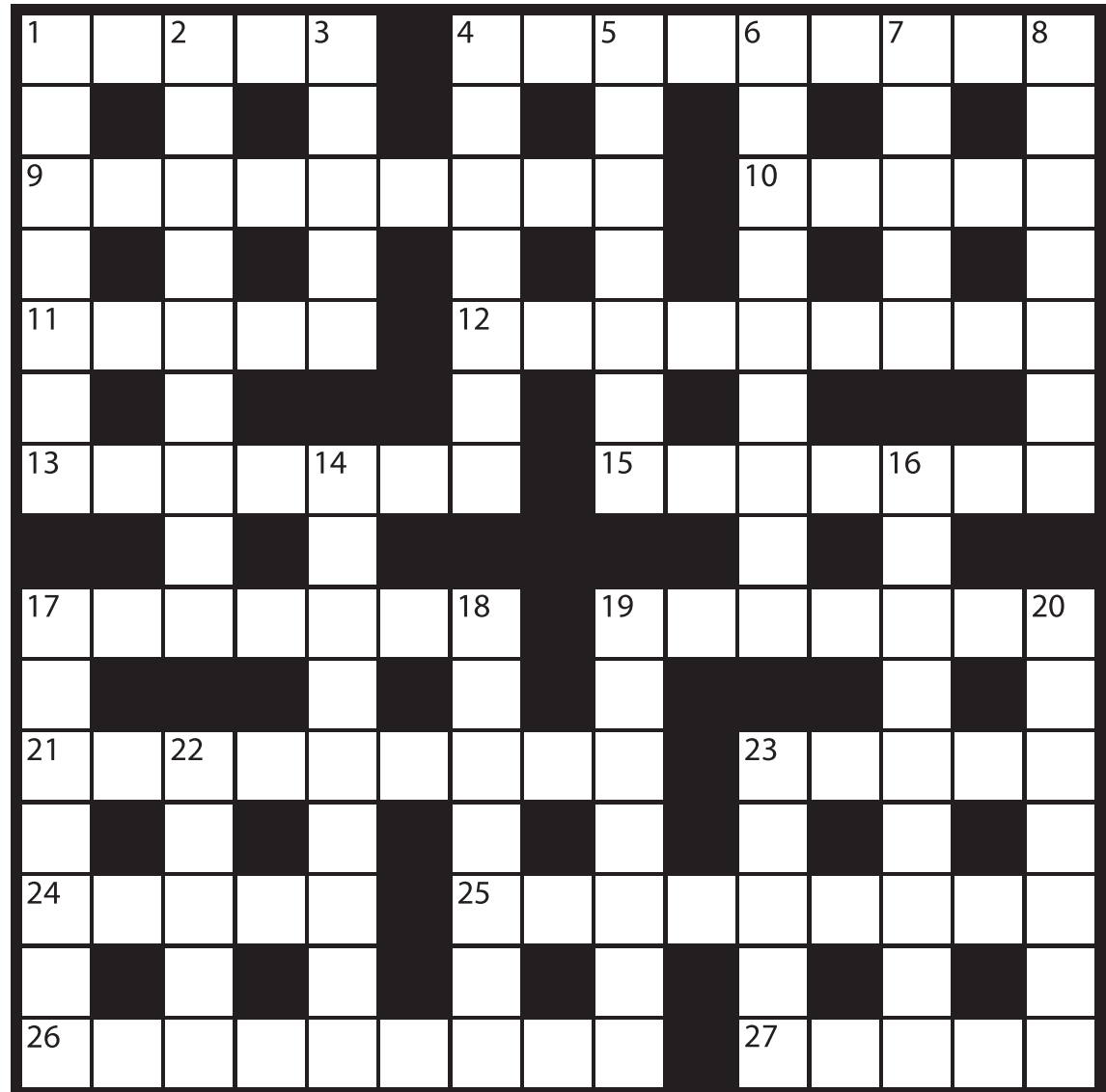
- 1 Protest by bishop leads to discharge from the army (5)
- 4 Murderer in court that's assembled (3-6)
- 9 Count said to be disguised as caretaker (9)
- 10 Chemical is inert mixture (5)
- 11 Managed church farm (5)
- 12 Jammed cylinder? (5,4)
- 13 Bird getting hormone treatment (7)
- 15 Miser pullin' back (7)
- 17 Commander coming from lair, mad eccentric (7)
- 19 Fit for drinking by Italian river board (7)
- 21 Solid suet becoming loose (9)
- 23 Sailor is back first for Indian instrument (5)
- 24 Keen listener, say, returns inside (5)
- 25 Emphasise journey back to house (5,4)
- 26 Islander erroneously accommodates a mud-slinger (9)
- 27 Steer convertible and synchronise again (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Correct behaviour of French company acquiring spirit (7)
- 2 Give false facts to schoolgirl, so it's said (9)
- 3 The pair accepted nothing for the stall (5)
- 4 Deep red borders in study (7)
- 5 One isn't suffering stress (7)
- 6 Suspect hid things, showing wisdom after an event (9)
- 7 Perform better than unfashionable party (5)
- 8 Bert possibly went in front and increased threefold (7)
- 14 Protected unusual Ruhr abode (9)
- 16 Feathered friend is well below par (9)

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- 17 Public speech these days, is on clothing (7)
- 18 Wash and iron three foreign articles (7)
- 19 Head of government destroys empire, right? (7)
- 20 Sounds like man is sincere (7)
- 22 Magi's mysterious letter in Greek (5)
- 23 Spike small fruit (5)