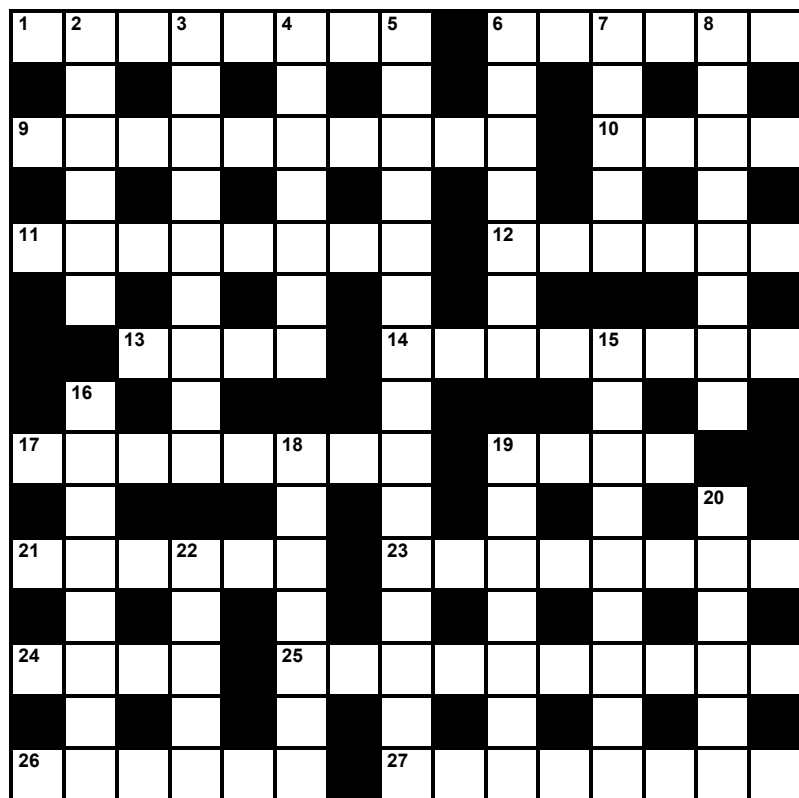


Alchemi 10 *by*



Across

1 Cold meal encourages like the devil. Not bad! (3,5)

6 No going back with fighting dead ahead (6)

9 Fail to learn lines, although she should? (10)

10 Terribly loud contest on board (4)

11 Kicking game makes foal bolt (8)

12 Quantity of pressure in three states (6)

13 Bets whichever way the second half goes, it's a ball game (4)

14 The beginning of Advent put pressure on that woman to make out (8)

17 Extremely agitated as foreigner starts to collapse in Crete (8)

19 Note about mineral (4)

21 Scavenger ending up in blurred image (6)

23 Five-year dye mixed - it's quite normal (8)

24 Phone message from insistent extortioner (4)

25 Garbled newbrite with little space for fence-sitters (2-8)

26 Smelly cheese's trace of fruit (6)

27 Sole motion gives instruction to former Liberal leader thrown overboard (8)

Down

2 Dugong incongruous as hunter's help (3,3)

3 Show disrespect eating small square vegetable (9)

4 Influential guitarist got pause wrong between lines (3,4)

5 Shaken, subdued, I leave Lockerbie for travel around London (6-6,3)

6 Greek airline policy Macedonia's first problem (7)

7 Home Counties statute turned over across the border (5)

8 Poorly fed, ran round blushing (3-5)

15 Jekyll's alter ego gripped by terrible cramp sees a hippo or elephant (9)

16 Cheeseplant ruins my career (8)

18 Things are often compared to this of a 5, an 6d 27 13, a 11 22 or 7 (3,4)

19 Times are mostly dreadful for conductors (7)

20 Clergyman heard knocking billiard balls together (6)

22 Dark hole with central heating (5)