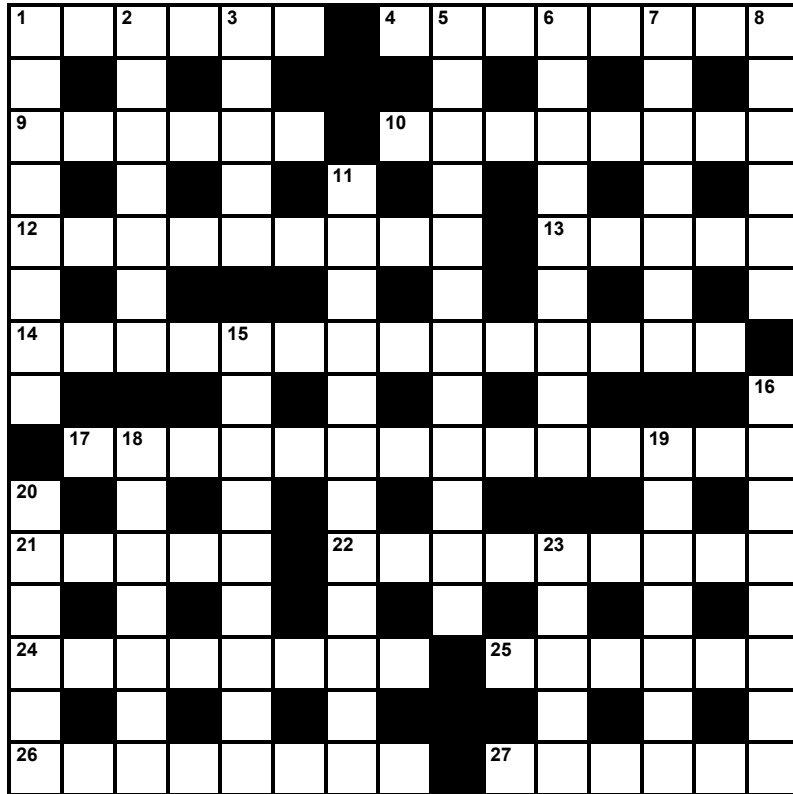


# Alchemi 245 *by Alchemi*



### Across

- 1 Oddly dreary family in front being more generous (6)
- 4 Film star beginning to shatter rocks (3,5)
- 9 Cover English prawn fricassee (6)
- 10 Grim accommodation was a letdown (4,4)
- 12 Pastry king from Limoges and bodyguard unable to get outside (9)
- 13 In Belgium and Spain, "free" means "newlywed" (5)
- 14 Shopkeepers and clerks gathering to bite groupies (5,9)
- 17 Horse race society employs standard decorative stone (10,4)
- 21 Dish that's been made smaller earlier (5)
- 22 Admitted hearing a noisy pub (7,2)
- 24 Lead attacks on university's carpets (8)
- 25 Limited how a programmer makes his living when encased in iron (6)
- 26 Detected hesitation by singular metalworkers (8)
- 27 Our people would regularly grease golf clubs (6)

### Down

- 1 Ken's worried over small step up, having broken these? (8)
- 2 Poet and legendary drunk going outside to throw up (7)
- 3 Tests old Welsh politicians (5)
- 5 Furniture reflected his confusion (12)
- 6 Some might eat this small dog about to be put into a box (9)
- 7 Cocktail pancake contains bits of egg and lettuce (7)
- 8 It's easy to catch snakes if they try eating rhino heads (6)
- 11 Judge a horse more depressed about large perennial flower (6,6)
- 15 Seasoning furniture with whisky, avoiding the top (5,4)
- 16 Elected Charlie to stop reporters getting to a member of the royal family (8)
- 18 Men shun elaborate cocktail which doesn't taste that bad (7)
- 19 Bear loses weight walking quietly (7)
- 20 They look for talent thought essential in people from Dundee, perhaps (6)
- 23 Compose western church service (5)