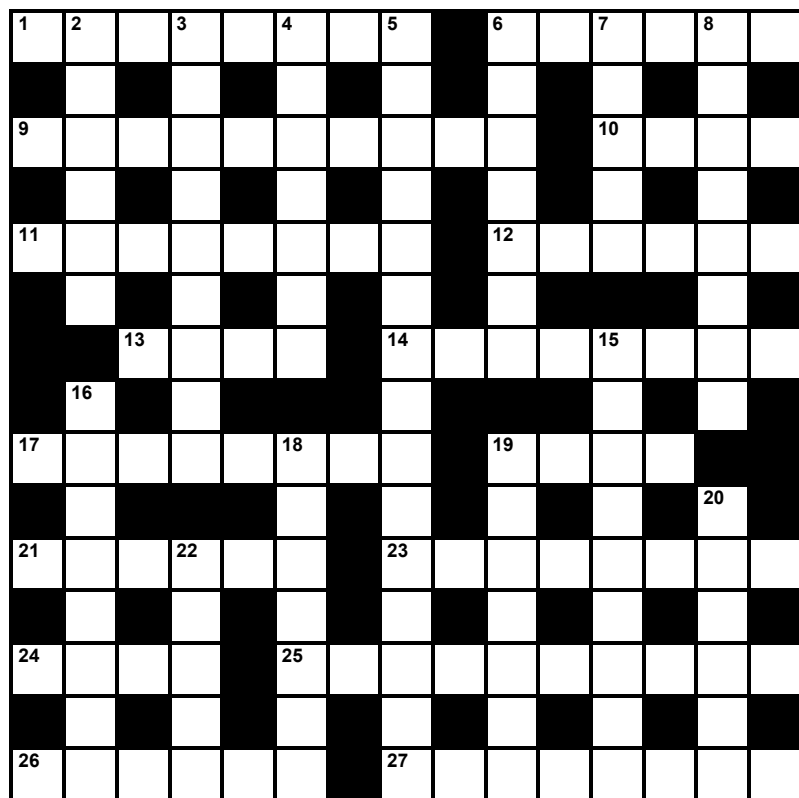


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**Across**

- 1 Small hands best for cap? (8)
- 6 Millionaire first rounds on new wealth (6)
- 9 Remounted painfully, starting something huge (10)
- 10 Jimmy Young took one second to identify birds (4)
- 11 Irritatedly predetermine temp must go and find native of the north (8)
- 12 Returning problem about central Slovakian herb (6)
- 13 Drive away half-firing (4)

- 14 In his capacity as a physician, presumptive heir covers military unit (8)
- 17 First removing the centre, boil shark off to reveal vegetable (8)
- 19 50-1 odds of a speech difficulty (4)
- 21 Sad soldier carried by wagon going in reverse (6)
- 23 Puzzled learned theorist initially describing some deer (8)
- 24 Animal homes get very little weight back (4)
- 25 Strangely educational when one goes away to be given immunity (10)
- 26 Fit in, as Fidel Castro's speeches used to (6)

- 27 Manoeuvring electrical engineers in a line (8)

**Down**

- 2 Chased and, getting right stuck in, went underground (6)
- 3 Spacemen stop, with last up for cheese (9)
- 4 Put old coin into fruit (7)
- 5 Timewasters star in a devious infiltration of university administrators (15)
- 6 Male topic of discussion announced as "What you hope a bullet will do" (4,3)
- 7 Important to clog up empty oil tanker (5)
- 8 Men working after their chromosomes are put in order is a contradiction in terms (8)
- 15 Rides around with couple in poor condition (9)
- 16 Golf party in favour of hiding you, they say, with several in support (8)
- 18 Curving as heraldic silver half covers facial feature (7)
- 19 Badly-cooked cutlet green in the middle, like the side salad? (7)
- 20 University administrator has Alchemi in for abuse (6)
- 22 Shoot Sugar with enthusiasm partially returning (5)