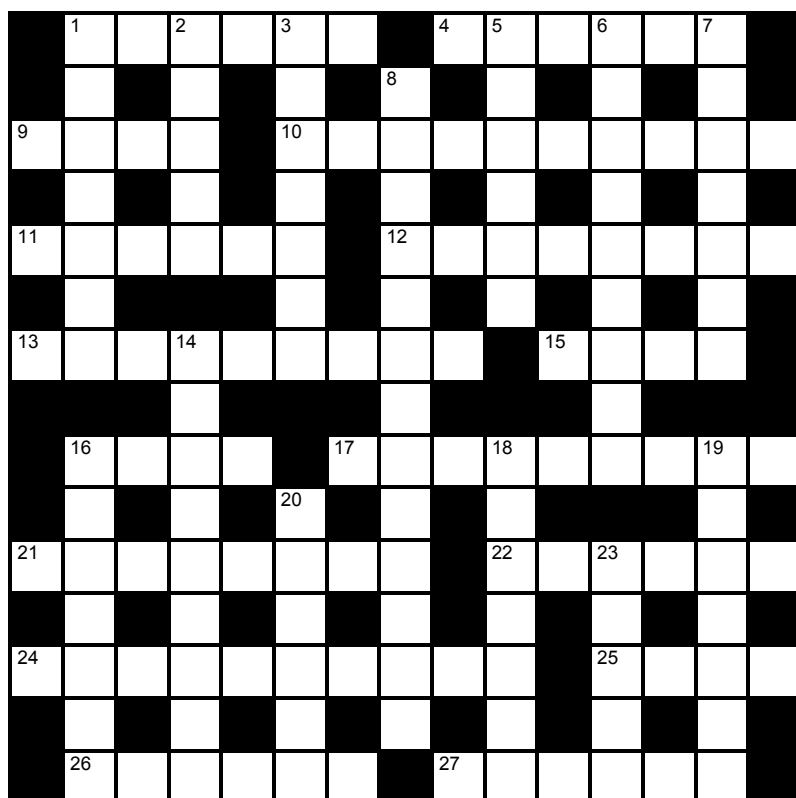


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Across

- 1 Cryptic setter who poses problems (6)
- 4 Fellow fatally swallows the healthier option? (3-3)
- 9 Award including debut appearance of Oliver Reed (4)
- 10 Y - that's it? (3,2,5)
- 11 Foster's sign covered by newspaper (6)
- 12 Brings up U-turns about including the Queen in *The Mirror* (8)
- 13 Source of excitement? An Ireland scrum (9)
- 15/18 X, say? (4,3,4)
- 16 Finally departed? Epitaph for a weakling (4)
- 17 Offensive city bar is devoted to luxury (9)

21 Drink is hot and fatty (8)

- 22 Not pretty, note: tweeted @Hieroglyph against electronic case (6)
- 24 Auntie's upkeep? Knitting nice fleece (7,3)
- 25 See 27
- 26 Most rational, building nests around oak's centre (6)
- 27/25/16D 1d 15/18 in full - bloody particulars! (3,3,4,7)

Down

- 1 Newspaper to ad-lib scandal? (7)
- 2 Oddly, sow seed over earth for vegetable (5)
- 3 Complex character - Hannibal, energy to the fore, advanced (7)
- 5 Secondly, solve crossword

without including fellow's city (6)

- 6 Cut it fine when boiling pasta (9)
- 7 Cuts of lamb, say, showing up in pies (7)
- 8 Mid-motorway crime? (8,5)
- 14 17's GR8 you're texting - he's half American, note (9)
- 16 See 27 Across
- 18 See 15 Across
- 19 As the poet writes - or the opposite! (7)
- 20 Event in which American gets the record? (6)
- 23 Drunk, mean and irritable if up first (5)