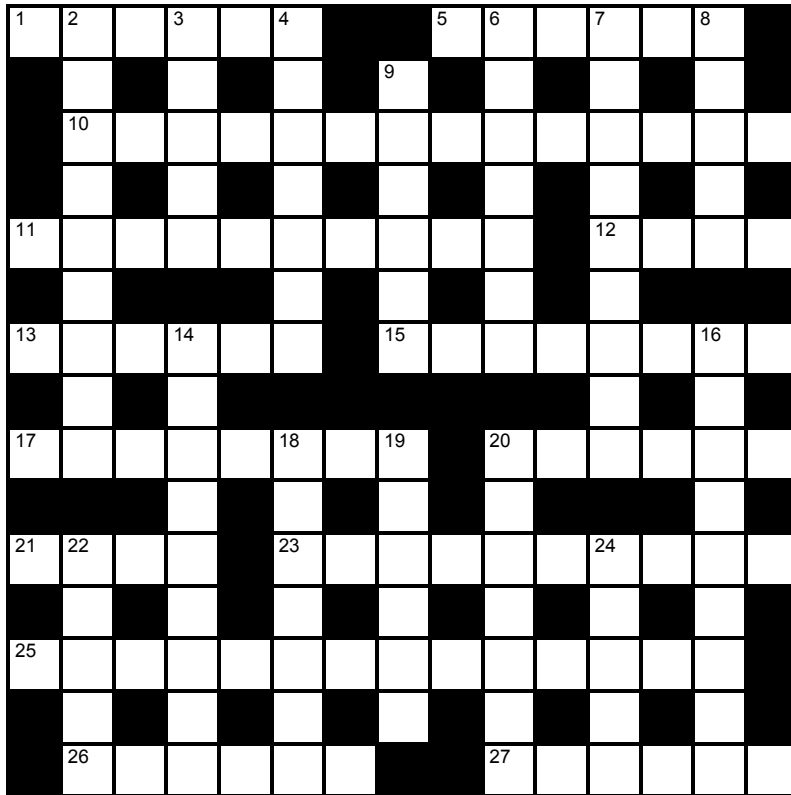


Nine clues are of a kind and lack a definition.



Across

- 1 Young Conservative in store moving quietly to the front (6)
- 5 Father's the catalyst – not me (6)
- 10 Wash food that's been processed, then cook in a special tub (6,2,1,5)
- 11 About to fall in love, son? Write poems on a different subject (10)
- 12 Love admitted by a pair of ostlers coming together (4)
- 13 "Drop your weapons" said Mr Fantastic (6)

- 15 Time to acquire "Brideshead Revisited" after being reduced by 30% (3,5)
- 17 Maiden I whipped is in spanking condition (8)
- 20 Girl retired after six in European city (6)
- 21 Scrabble without the letter 'G' (4)
- 23 Roger Black, a hip tormented writer (10)
- 25 Etherised goat (5,9)
- 26 Cane to thrash scoundrel's behind? The opposite (6)
- 27 Flicks nuts to arse (6)

Down

- 2 Movie set in South American island being shown (9)
- 3 One hosts meetings daily to make case for independence (5)
- 4 Marsupial and mouse? Spot both endlessly fighting (7)
- 6 Seat gauges regularly used in debate – not for the first time (7)
- 7 Coin new word by translating Erse into English (9)
- 8 Lout starting to bash young man over nothing (5)
- 9 Council is drunk after drinking contest (6)

worthless soldiers in revolutionary army (9)

- 16 Jailer tortured nude Negro (9)
- 18 Old instrument cases (7)
- 19 Flagging without resources, travelling north through Benin (6)
- 20 India invests in green energy (7)
- 22 I have outgrown erotic skirts (5)
- 24 Non-U French author in good health! (5)

14 Humiliation of