



**Across**

- 1 Prime Minister's party backing down - victory! (7)
- 5 Not ready to tear a Parisian's clothing (6)
- 8 9 nurse sick sisters' homes (9)
- 9 Detective ignored theologian's plants (5)
- 11 Lobby about a method of killing (5)
- 12 Mother looked half-cut arranging accommodation (5,4)
- 13 Perhaps disliking certain fruit, American withdraws from battle (8)
- 15 Back in Cambuslang, I

- smash a traffic light, maybe (6)
- 17 Routine of British Army unit inspires American soldier (6)
- 19 Mild expletive left inside fish (8)
- 22 Stars round Scottish port spare no feelings (4,5)
- 23 See 21 Down
- 24 Jesus hiccuped swallowing food (5)
- 25 Nitrogen constantly increasing? Not again! (9)
- 26 Unexpectedly finish taking extreme liberty to arouse affection (6)
- 27 Hairdresser on register of piggeries (7)

**Down**

- 1 Some fruit cake chaps almost forget about (5,2,6)
- 2 Crane-fly daddy's lost somewhere near the boundary (4,3)
- 3 21 with fish he initially swallowed (5)
- 4 Horse's expression of voting against, you say? (8)
- 5 Firm in profit beginning to see unexpected losses (6)
- 6 Presumably 21's work only occasionally stops increasing power (9)
- 7 Game based on 21: boat bridge (7)
- 10 Some hieroglyphics

imply Thebes threatened 21's work (6,3,4)

- 14 Measure encountered rising anger after the 13 21's work (9)
- 16 Records are right about urticaria (8)
- 18/23 21/23 winner angry, so spills drink (7,5)
- 20 City in Iran blown up by witchcraft (7)
- 21/23A Rerun tripe somehow acquiring last character award (6,5)
- 23 See 18