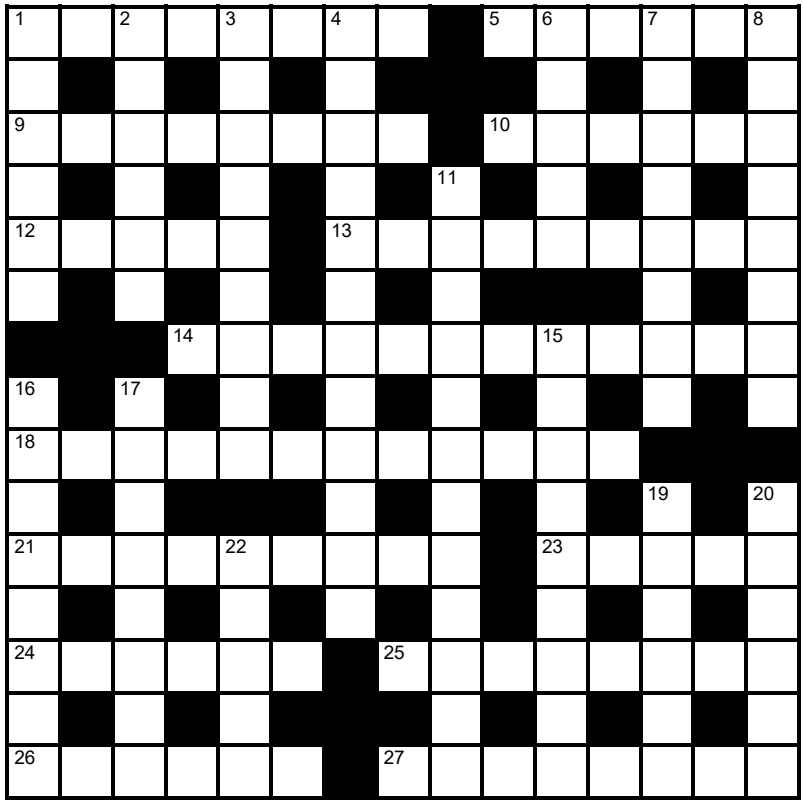
Rookie Corner - 340 by Hodd



Across

1 Clue's initial letters (8)

5 Man has answer to 'name a country' (6)

9 True map managed to take us finally closer to the source (8)

10 Brave French king caught after retreating, eh? (6)

12 Animal burying money in small ditch (5)

13 Is this how they choose Donald's suit? (5,4)

14 Great artist missing brilliant and astute investment opportunity? (3-4-5)

18 Terrible toenail trail, for example? (12)

21 An operator - that's it (5,4)

23 Make up middle-class accent (5)

24 Defender started entertaining league (6)

25 Convinced setter's after advance (8)

26 Hunk's catch after weapon, in retrospect (6)

27 Waves of destruction from giant sun - am I safe?! (8)

Down

1 Snow lingers upon sunny hilltops; by day's end is half melted (6)

2 Try and stretch endlessly for the truth (6)

3 Every hospital department is filled with people not going anywhere (9)

4 Brian can be a disorganised person! (12)

6 Finish writing down "Heart of Jesus"? (3,2)

7 Redolent of an actor lacking direction, I'm all over the place (8)

8 Old prince's bow outstanding, admitted king (8)

11 Idly snubs autocue, getting under the skin (12)

15 Tender words (9)

16 Usual table bearing cheese (8)

17 Flashing ostentatious jewellery, concealing tattoo (8)

19 Stand by Pence's condemnation (6)

20 Non-dominant gene I've deleted for depression (6)

22 Loves rearranging the letters to get the answer (5)