

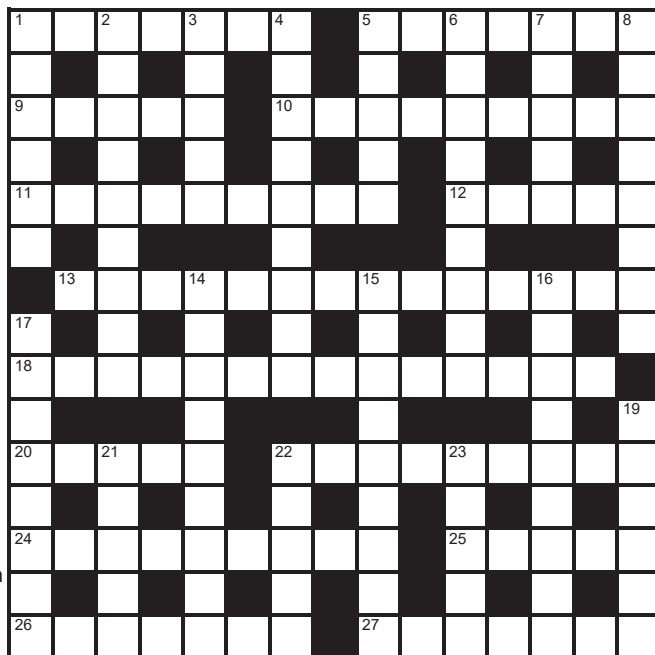
CROSSWORD 17,616 by PEDROCK

ACROSS

- 1 Was quoted as being exuberant (7)
- 5 Lady embraced a new queen in Europe (7)
- 9 Vehicle located in Kensington Gardens (5)
- 10 May state a learner is found at cape (9)
- 11 Another ocean ship leaving south about one for ancient land (9)
- 12 Time in bars (5)
- 13 Not one vulgar part (6,8)
- 18 Equestrian most puzzled by president (8,6)
- 20 One part of wedding dress said to be of value (5)
- 22 Friar went round stormy lough having expression of sympathy (5,4)
- 24 Accident in turn had potential! (3-3-3)
- 25 Be pleased with name for match (5)
- 26 Last month rush to get appointed (7)
- 27 Disheartened never to return and attempt coming in again (2-5)

DOWN

- 1 Executive committee blocks copy (6)
- 2 Hundred going right way for assembly (9)
- 3 One wrote about lookalike article included (5)
- 4 Cover vehicle taking turn with goods (4-5)
- 5 Thanks lady shortly before council (5)
- 6 Matthew is cut out of book (9)
- 7 Sailor on edge completely full (5)
- 8 Many-sided despite having no sides (3-5)
- 14 Favourite going over less than half Mongolian capital with this French impatience (9)
- 15 Jack's drink messenger took from contrabandist (3-6)
- 16 Cooler alcoholic receptacle perhaps (3,6)
- 17 Journalist following game was made to seem small (8)
- 19 Thin outer layer only at intervals (6)
- 21 Arizona detective an old Mexican (5)
- 22 Endless anger, Edward going round exhausted (5)
- 23 Possess about 50 cut in two equal parts (5)



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