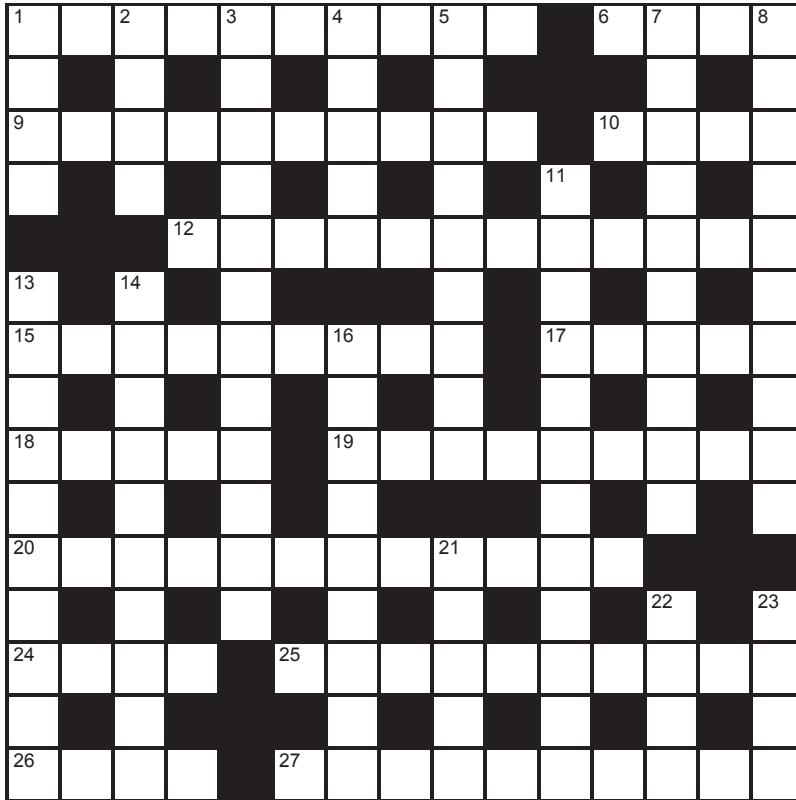


CROSSWORD

No 16,958 Set by BUCCANEER



Solution 16,957



ACROSS

- Record French song containing one denial (10)
 - Star's confession of carrying out fraud (4)
 - Entering low, dry ground, dress in blue (5-5)
 - Catch Nigeria's capital entering decline (4)
 - Carpeting is installed by virtuous people before time (12)
 - Linguistically convincing graduate has silly clothing (9)
 - Brownie points American roué mostly rejected (5)
 - Be successful, cutting large wooden peg (5)
 - Following delivery of letters somewhere in Africa once (9)
 - Back specialist doctor or rich entertaining piano player (12)
 - Fictional canine is short and round (4)
 - Sheep from valley in southern part of UK (10)
 - Queen slips out of jacket in bar, in the main (4)
 - Trio removing hot pants in parts of planes, say (4,6)
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- 9 across' opposite (4)
 - Which end of shinbone is sensitive? (4)
 - Sailor's mistress had lay composed by poet (4,8)
 - Articles in Times in need of editing (5)
 - What Cockneys listening to music do for phone parts (9)
 - Set aside kind of wine drunk by politician and judge (10)
 - Leg, one a bit wonky, on the table (10)
 - Kiss suitable to maintain good set of relationships (7,5)
 - Person who justifies and defends V-sign (10)
 - Something played in new card game, wearing hat (3,7)
 - Great artist's last work, one producing pictures (3-6)
 - Drop young animal in lake within grotto (5)
 - Dash that's put in pasture-land (4)
 - Single family member in current conditions (2,2)