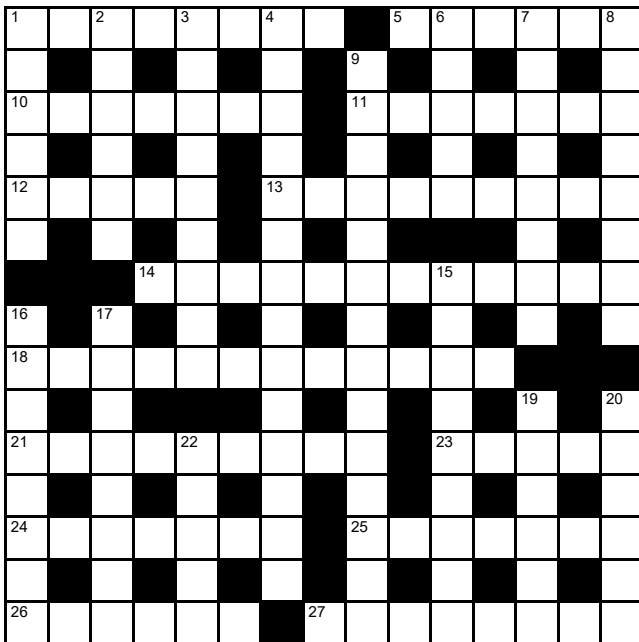


ACROSS

- 1** Currency of Benin I'm right to exchange (8)
- 5** Perhaps foils crossword solver to some extent (6)
- 10** As fast as possible, rush to criticise (7)
- 11** England matures in battles (7)
- 12** Hard to fit in pleasant alcove (5)
- 13** Blessed with talent to catch fish (9)
- 14** They send money to pals after breaking laws (6,6)
- 18** Land's natural character (4,8)
- 21** Turn around some Irish rowers? (9)
- 23** Shakes foundations (5)
- 24** They lend literature (7)
- 25** Am I not initially mistaken to go around using phone abroad? (7)
- 26** Toppings of sand and cement on concrete insulated floors (6)
- 27** Diamond and graphite are opposites reacting in the absence of phosphorus (8)

DOWN

- 1** Schism carries church with it (6)
- 2** Trace sister infected by a hollow cytokine (6)
- 3** Jokingly, where fly is struggling (2,3,4)
- 4** Migrant who cheats charity event visitor (7,7)
- 6** Before you picked up jerk beef (5)
- 7** Material for *The Sun* and the *FT* perhaps? (3,5)
- 8** Doubt reason to hide special quality (8)
- 9** Learn our new task without a programme? They might (6,8)
- 15** Preventing soil contaminating stinging insect (9)
- 16** Drips are almost entirely unsuccessful when playing bridge (8)
- 17** Reporter handled backtracking informant with gold (8)
- 19** Save crustacean with change from hot to cold (6)
- 20** Habits of posh scholars (6)
- 22** Made rock sound in leather (5)



Solution 17,268



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