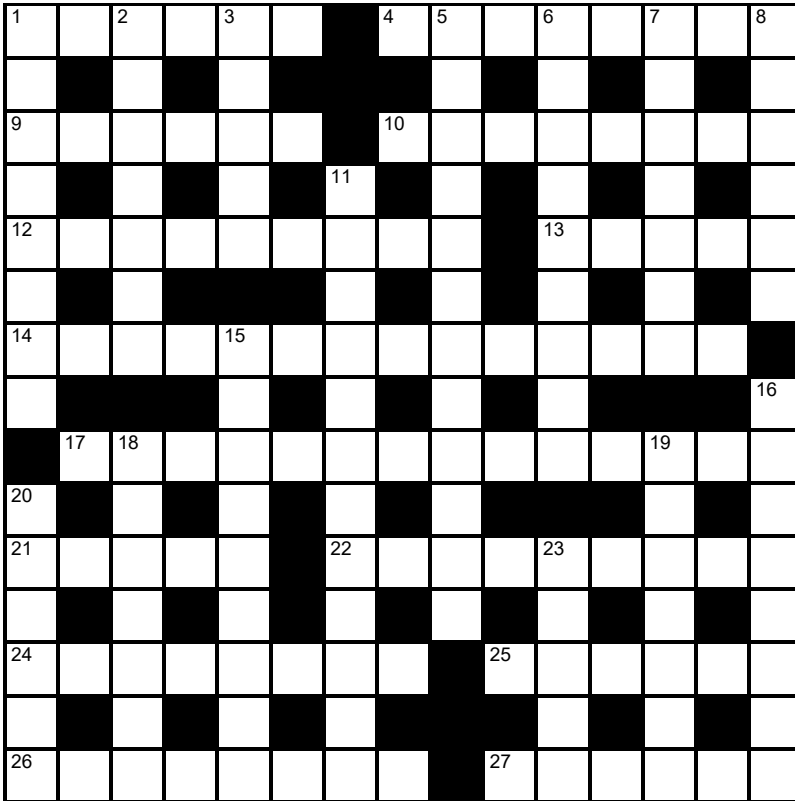


CROSSWORD

No 17,379 Set by JULIUS



ACROSS

- 1 "Flip" — mild oath when ingesting outside quantity of medication? (6)
- 4 Taxi reversed, ruining cake with hot filling — what a pain! (8)
- 9 Retired prima donna cleaned out library with relish (6)
- 10 Celtic Inn amontillado infused with spice (8)
- 12 Disgusting little dog granny put in to soak (9)
- 13 Make fast tea at home (5)
- 14 Undemocratic land in which lots of hands get chopped off? (6,8)
- 17 Does it drop down from heaven? (4,2,8)
- 21 Son married European national (5)
- 22 Brouhaha hot, racy nude stirred up? (3,3,3)
- 24 Husband's excessively weird yen for a winter warmer (3,5)
- 25 Notable section of design album (6)
- 26 Aargh! Wife carelessly forgot island harbour fee (8)
- 27 Smart, bad-tempered woman, Democrat (6)

DOWN

- 1 Harangue political clan following elevated financial help (8)
- 2 Dad supporting second child on new area which is slippery (7)
- 3 Camp joke about upper-class Liberal (5)
- 5 A noble prince, he's embracing a new Greek comic writer (12)
- 6 One might be spitting mad after spraining back and groin (4,5)
- 7 Conservative politician Maria undressed to guzzle a bitter drink (7)
- 8 Linen needs changing, start to open source of warm water (2,4)
- 11 Hangover cure sorely testing her good faith (4,2,3,3)
- 15 Having blanked the king, Ken Dodd — drunk rotten — fell asleep (6,3)
- 16 Got on one's bike again and went to the bottle bank (8)
- 18 After extra time, December 1st, served up cold beverage (4,3)
- 19 Charlie's in for tons of highly concentrated combustible material (7)
- 20 Shun English school we set up (6)
- 23 Whinny from 7, 8? (5)

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