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No 17,380 Set by PEDROCK

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ACROSS

- **1** Established practice at home (7)
- **5** Ceremonial way to shape nearly everything (6)
- **8** It should be paid with interest (9)
- **9** Be quiet about mother's accident (5)
- **11** Steamy strong smell I had (5)
- **12** Force of flower power? (9) **13** Ron meant to wreck vase (8)
- **15** Cloak found on companion in Post
- Office (6)

 17 Request earnestly to come in with six
- before half term (6)

 19 Distraught Mac's leaving chamber
- music played by angels (8)

 22 Food one might wind up eating (9)
- 23 Fly round left of the sun (5)
- 24 Ineffectual number Sue removed (2,3)
- 25 Language from senator struggling
- 26 Stoppage way unaltered (6)

with exercise inside (9)

27 Hold back engineers and reporters (7)

DOWN

- Erica put birds on type of contraption that is ridiculously complicated (5-8)
 Second minute mixing flammable
- material (7)
 3 Speed editor changed colour of photo
- 4 Blow coming from behind (4,4)
- 5 Limited sex appeal in good
- surroundings (6)

 6 Turbulent river rose forming lake (9)
- 7 Language from a gatecrasher, one I caught (7)
- **10** On reflection one will get distorted views here (4,2,7)
- **14** So good not having any opponents to play (9)
- **16** Smirk takes a short time inside boat (8)
- **18** Half-dozen on a channel bridge (7)
- 20 Acrobat's living may depend on it (7)
- 21 Like next to enter capital (6) 23 In ecstasy Rupert consumed something sweet (5)