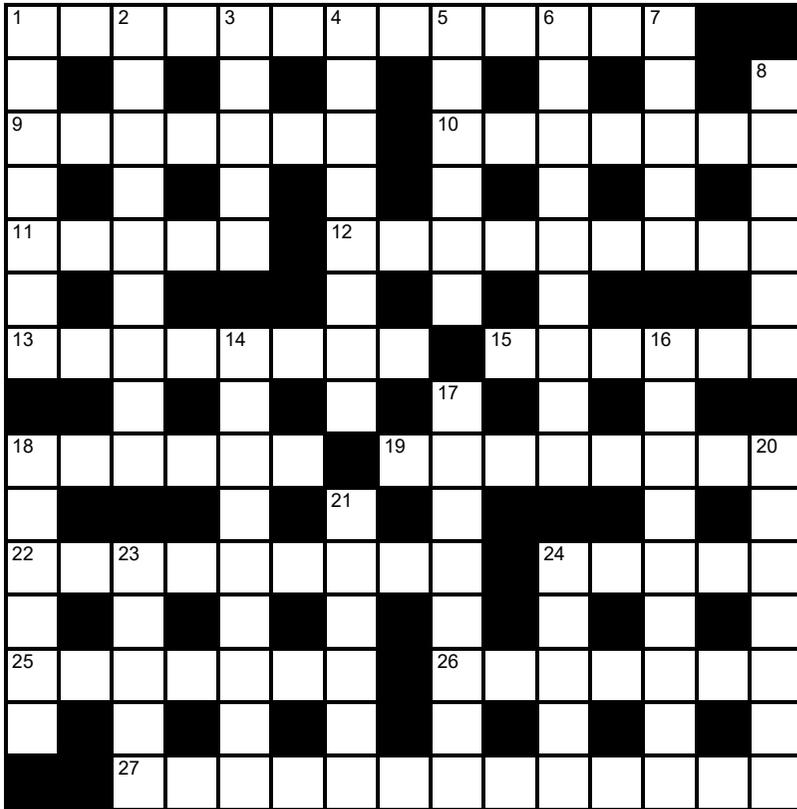


CROSSWORD

No 17,538 Set by BRADMAN



ACROSS

- 1 Awful rainproof hats — lacking originality, in a manner of speaking? (6-7)
- 9 Soldiers needing attire to be correct (7)
- 10 Imposing area in state capital (7)
- 11 Doctor associated with university, I had become priest (5)
- 12 One very reduced that's no longer uneasy about being huge (9)
- 13 Gifted Edward keeping a holy fast (8)
- 15 Singer to quiver, maiden being put off (6)
- 18 Senility could make date go wrong (6)
- 19 Miners with dogs, right for protection (8)
- 22 Component of a gate? (9)
- 24 Saw wild area mostly keeping dry (5)
- 25 Lettuce that is frozen solid? (7)
- 26 Bishop gets to help musician (7)
- 27 Ten try healing drunk displaying menacing manner (13)

DOWN

- 1 Fairy with something tiny, a gem (7)
- 2 Swimmer with dyed hairstyle (3,6)
- 3 Nymph that's old to get stuck in a book? (5)
- 4 Time of abstinence with need somehow to be secure? (8)
- 5 Attempt to engage worker in song? (6)
- 6 Learning a bit of English — it's tricky, usually (2,7)
- 7 Child of immigrants that is evil in revolution (5)
- 8 Cluster in marathon? Yours truly is last (6)
- 14 Possible laundry items near running water (9)
- 16 Wild bear, not fat and grand, still alive (9)
- 17 Nasty b-bit of skeleton found in pit (8)
- 18 Refine little daughter, one up to now falling short (6)
- 20 In a while dwarfish person will acquire length (7)
- 21 New mag — it's making a mark (6)
- 23 Outcome of e.g. long jump (5)
- 24 African mum's tiptop (5)

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