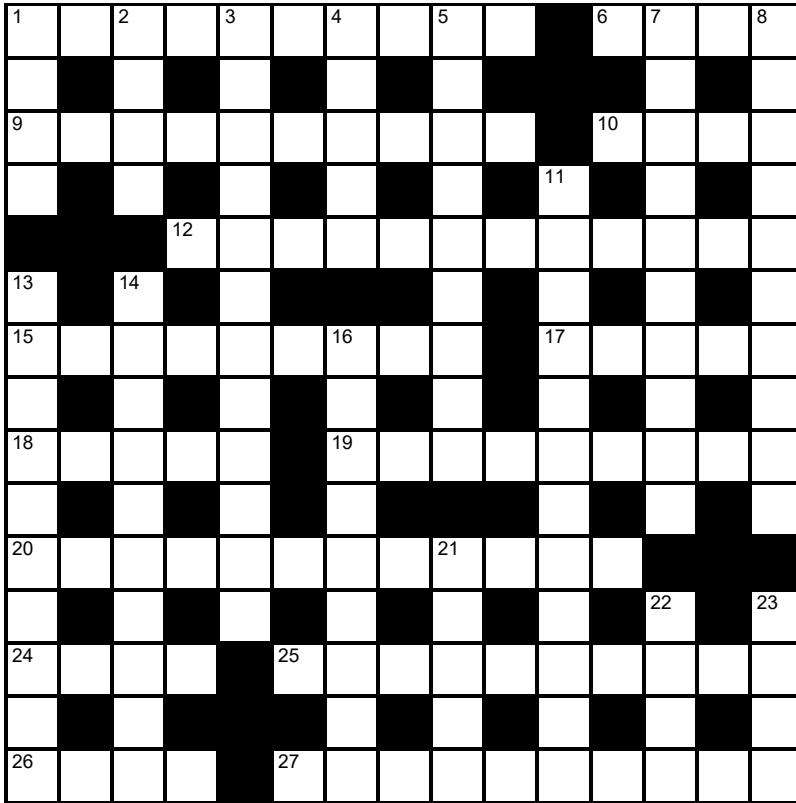


CROSSWORD

No 17,562 Set by BRADMAN



ACROSS

- 1 Certain cheats — zany characters with musical instruments (4,6)
- 6 Pole left over, a bit short (4)
- 9 Publications not mainly in the pink! (10)
- 10 Necklace is light, not hard (4)
- 12 Professional criterion apt to be flexible (12)
- 15 Hospitality old writer Henry established by river (4,5)
- 17 Very foolish person by Great North Road (5)
- 18 Rebel with hesitation in river? (5)
- 19 Hesitant princess starting operatic cycle (9)
- 20 I repeatedly get romance wrong — I cannot square the circle! (12)
- 24 Skilful learner taken on board by former President (4)
- 25 Very bad adult, one with common sense, very bad (10)
- 26 Yen to be in specialist fighting unit in States (4)
- 27 Sweet chap, me, 24, roughly (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Jargon philosopher's spoken (4)
- 2 Lines of angry exchanges? (4)
- 3 Senior cop rushed, full of emotion (12)
- 4 Jelly with a flavour that's inadequate (5)
- 5 Appropriate as some expert in entertainment (9)
- 7 Forecast offered by professional theologian regarded as heretic (10)
- 8 My daughter is entertained by funny singer in studio productions (10)
- 11 Slam Blairite involved in two-sided negotiations (12)
- 13 New signora excited certain natives (10)
- 14 Upset tot a yellor? I'll bring a drink round (3,7)
- 16 Maybe propping up team that is bottom? (9)
- 21 Officer in charge is a pain (5)
- 22 Hospital hooter making a beastly noise? (4)
- 23 Like one area, an area very large (4)

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