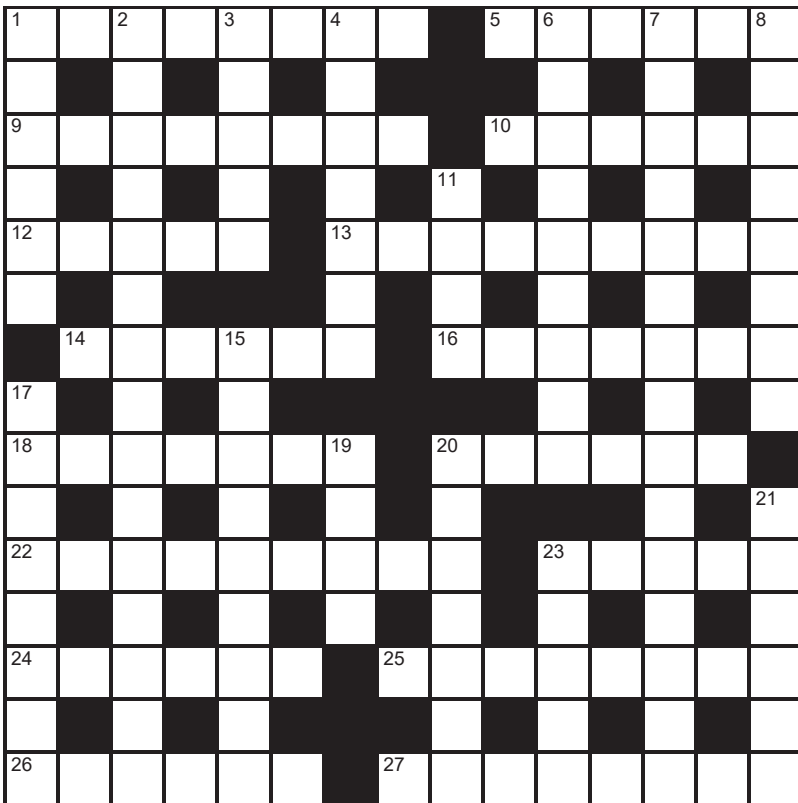


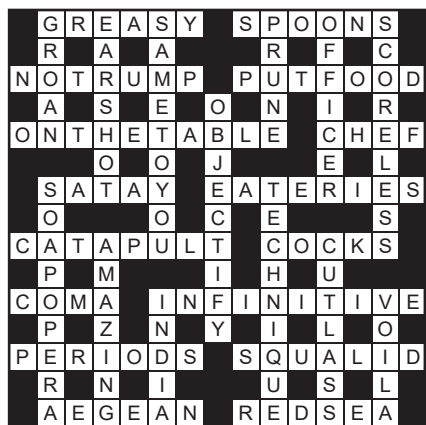
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ACROSS

- 1 Green boy in poem (8)
- 5 Move to claim responsibility initially in confession (6)
- 9 Star great in first of dramatic plays (3,5)
- 10 Suddenly take a few notes (6)
- 12 Passage in kitchen unopened (5)
- 13 The city limits in Florence exciting — desire to see them? (5,4)
- 14 Courage — source of the Dutch stuff? (6)
- 16 Old, old jerk with a curious collection (7)
- 18 Partner behind youngster, 100% (7)
- 20 Adolescent driveling last drops of dry martini (6)
- 22 Effectively visiting German city, outskirts of Cologne (2,7)
- 23 Exercise skirted around by Jack — get to the point! (5)
- 24 Tiny particle supporting great weight (6)
- 25 Sharp chic, for example, in range (8)
- 26 Effect finishes off old birds (6)
- 27 Leader first, say, in hats (8)

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DOWN

- 1 Song penned by discontented lutenist — is one catchy? (6)
- 2 Average location of cat's eyes (6-2-3-4)
- 3 Light coats in wet (5)
- 4 Shut up, Tory, OK! (7)
- 6 Fine strapping on swimmer (5-4)
- 7 Originally in tin, half receipts lost (2,3,5,5)
- 8 Islander I see visiting artist (8)
- 11 Amount of land raised in larger campsite (4)
- 15 Viewer elects poem that's short for review (9)
- 17 Son saw things, naked (8)
- 19 King certainly not standing for American (4)
- 20 Shortest route taken by worker and family? (7)
- 21 Grace, say, consumer buttonholing head of recruitment (6)
- 23 River on Scottish border pretty deep at first (5)



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