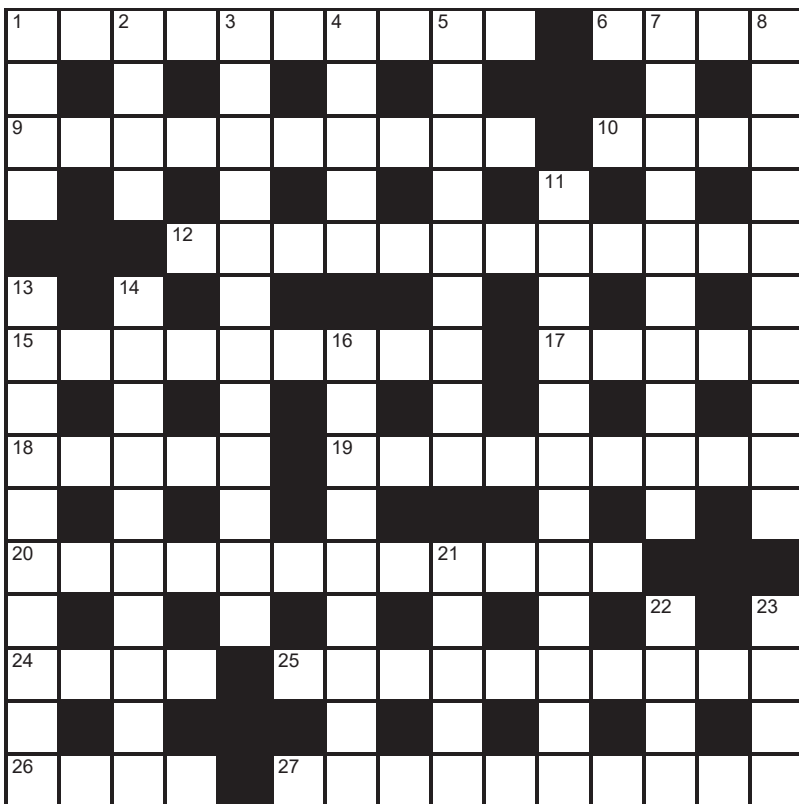


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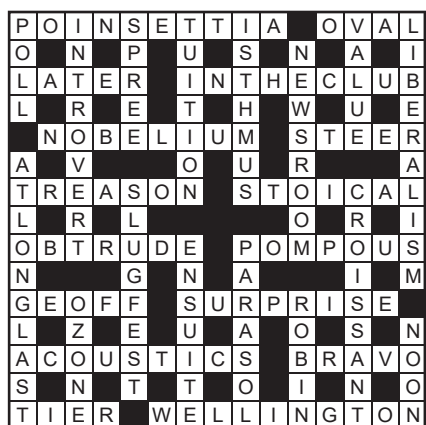
ACROSS

- 1 Merit of promise, say, for poet (10)
- 6 American has evidently gone for common sense (4)
- 9 Cook caressed if made a stew (10)
- 10 First of all, Oliver Twist is cut on the ear (4)
- 12 A seal noticed waves slowing down (2-10)
- 15 Dance conversation repeatedly curtailed (3-3-3)
- 17 A little jolt, a serious shock (5)
- 18 Lock Hardy's girl outside door, finally (5)
- 19 Child with formal wear for clubs, say (5,4)
- 20 Party measuring how to reform (5-7)
- 24 Some Thai on another island (4)
- 25 A writhing drunk attending Harrow's back — master on the wagon? (10)
- 26 Cutting pie (4)
- 27 Right thrice, any time wrong bring different people together (10)

DOWN

- 1 Gently move widget at the front towards the back (4)
- 2 Strap on hip (4)
- 3 Hipster's wage cast aside (5,7)
- 4 Calm place where a relative put under observation, initially (5)
- 5 Originally Athenian, ring finally secured on the other hand (4,5)
- 7 Hot dish, unknown quantity in oil and oats mixed up (6,4)
- 8 Substandard political party, darn it, coming into view (6-4)
- 11 Opener, cricketer at the crease put on a little weight (9,3)
- 13 Drizzle, insubstantial thing (6,4)
- 14 Call upon artist for fascinating work (4-6)
- 16 Don't let this visit be your last, eh? (4,5)
- 21 Vermin scoffing new meat (5)
- 22 Medium in scientific experiments arousing ghosts and revenants, primarily (4)
- 23 Remain in river after start of swim (4)

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