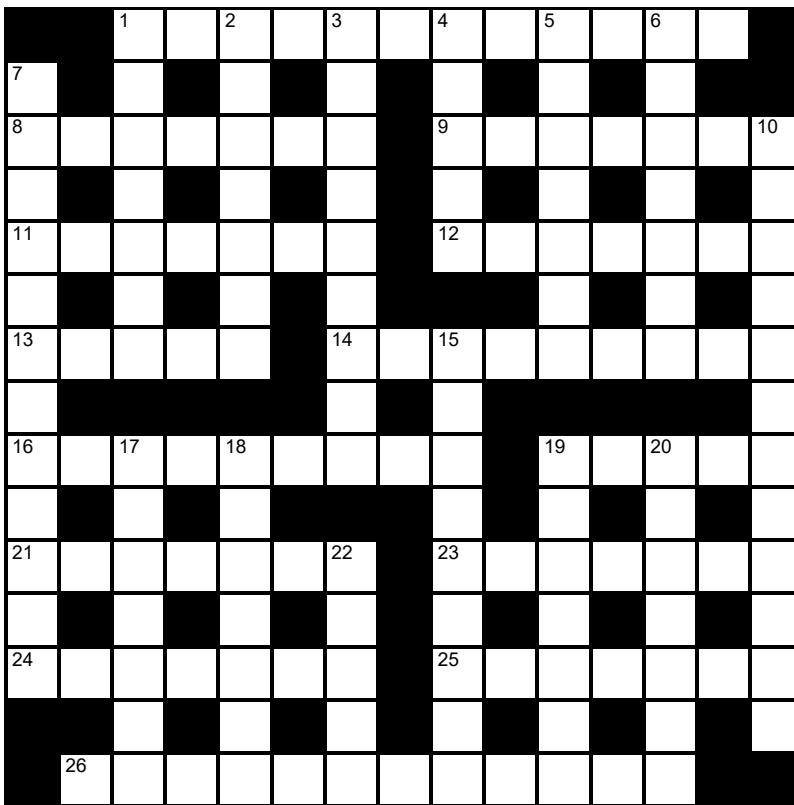


# CROSSWORD No 17,727 by BOBCAT



Solution 17,724



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## ACROSS

- Measure of response from mate in erotic novel (8,4)
- More than one retired clergyman housed in close (7)
- Musical number about lock-keeper? (7)
- Right to sidestep host about to go round carrying hot soup (7)
- Cordial drunk at a fair (7)
- Get put off as dons' vices serially exposed (2,3)
- We may be struck by American foundation's courage (9)
- Very old cathedral holds mass after terce on a regular basis (9)
- Puritan indiscret to remove two layers of clothing (5)
- I deliver key to board game with queen (7)
- Number of sheep in target area losing heart (7)
- Cupboard for displaying wine after one replaces the centre (7)
- Spooner's Manx characteristic that could be ingrown (7)
- Bail Cineplex out? That's unaccountable (12)

## DOWN

- Course primarily requiring an old instrument is curtailed (7)
- American university missing third cut (7)
- Satisfactory function adopted by board has lowered resistance (9)
- Second bishop to be absolved from trouble (5)
- Domestic appliance, one of two on boat (4-3)
- Observant mastermind fully apprehends ... (7)
- ... complex chemistry with unlimited scope to produce this sort of test (12)
- Conveyances moving Stranraer folk periodically south (12)
- Hairdresser starts to interpret criticism of literary technique (9)
- International agreement seeking to avoid catastrophe by prohibiting matches? (4,3)
- Biannual event for horses needing steer to replace finale (7)
- Make a fuss over second rate vegetable (3,4)
- Finished article relocated in detailed garden improvement (7)
- African native, employing hands, took food inside (5)

## JOTTER PAD