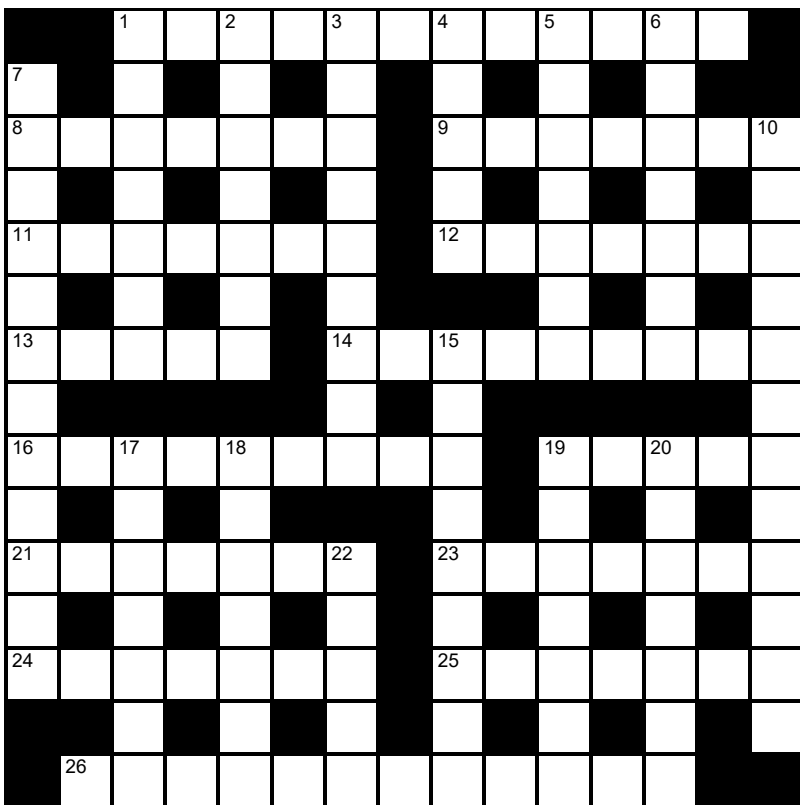


# CROSSWORD No 17,727 by BOBCAT



## ACROSS

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

## DOWN

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

Solution 17,724

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