

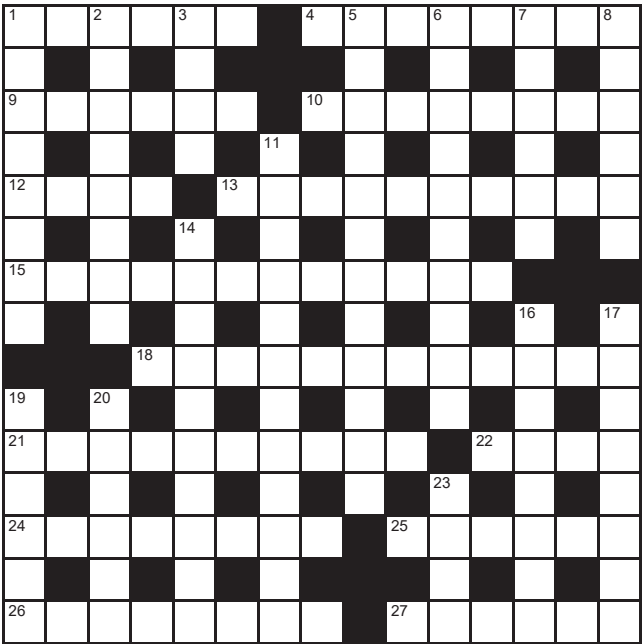
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ACROSS

- 1** Ugly animal shy to return with energy (6)
4 Heading for hard water? Stuck in it (8)
9 It's as broad as it's long (6)
10 Copycat discovers limit to cheap gold (8)
12 Part of natural gas plant (4)
13 Unfortunate Des laid low having been rejected (10)
15 Quaker who is not here (6,6)
18 Tea circle angry at the end of the line (7,5)
21 Adjusted sunlamp 24 hours before Easter! (4,6)
22 Attend club (4)
24 Modern version of something said to be dead (3,5)
25 About to abandon split (6)
26 Suppress the endless tripe let out (8)
27 Game cut short before American leaves (6)

DOWN

- 1** Stranded actors had an established routine (8)
2 Fairly youthful unknown organising housing (8)
3 Biting some pastry (4)
5 Friend on course to find staircase (12)
6 Courage and insolence restricted outlet (10)
7 Put about before being won over in residential area (6)
8 Scoff at Deirdre possibly losing one of her rights (6)
11 Gear skilled worker feels he is entitled to (12)
14 Fan sun's heat, it dissipated (10)
16 Front drive in SW19? (8)
17 In a kind of way becoming sweatier (2,2,4)
19 Long to get in the way of instrument (6)
20 Angry look from head of gardeners farther down (6)
23 Be leaving rubble creating confused impression (4)



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