

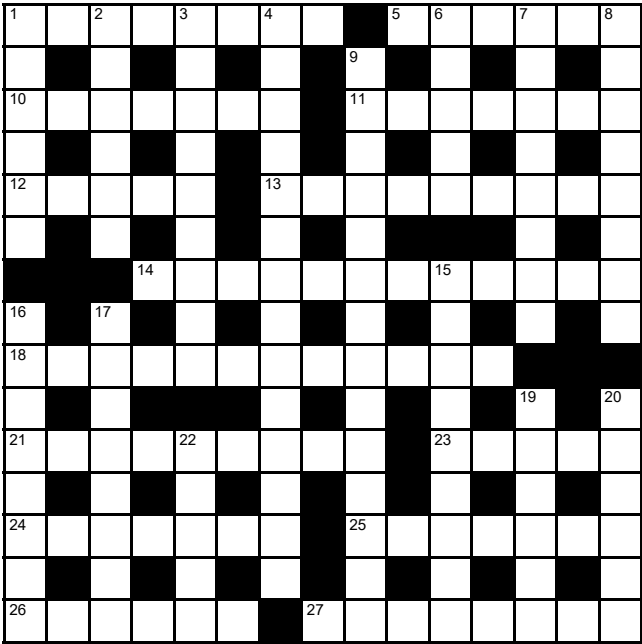
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ACROSS

- 1** Attractive worker takes part (8)
5 About to analyse first something that's an astronomical length (6)
10 Figure that parrot is missing as reported (7)
11 Money certain to be spent in one's own time (7)
12 Relaxed, having stopped hundred short (5)
13 Move hoard over this blocking river (6,3)
14 Angry way to interrogate (5-7)
18 Hard work made of it during storm? (5,7)
21 Show strange places, etc (9)
23 You had a way with cause of ferment (5)
24 Diminutive fellow's garland? (7)
25 Gardened, now change for the dance (7)
26 Youngster and I had article that's affectedly elegant (2-2-2)
27 Insects reaching edge in record time (8)

DOWN

- 1** Dash that makes Lee-Enfield double-barrelled (6)
2 Phrase used to express admiration for bare minimum (2,4)
3 Wise to have Cathedral City cheese (4,5)
4 Team ordering synthetic cream (10,4)
6 A counterpart that is similar (5)
7 Soldier from working party to fail (8)
8 Top of the milk drink, rich fare (5,3)
9 Spread round large area of retail space (3,4,3,4)
15 Can let eye adjust to the gas (9)
16 Type of education requiring bodily effort (8)
17 Encounter amusing person who could be the knave (4,4)
19 From Jamaica, Jo learning to wheedle (6)
20 Ollie's partner's spoken a few lines (6)
22 I'd let out that bathroom had been covered perhaps (5)



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