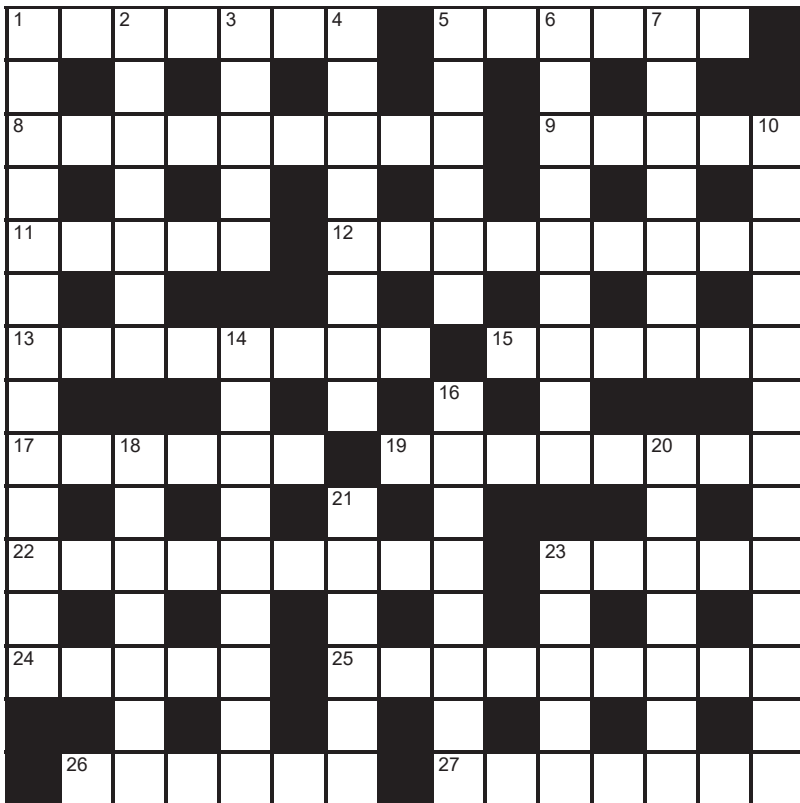


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ACROSS

- 1 Woman twirling favourite slip (7)
- 5 Reason 2 down's entered (6)
- 8 Axes chop end off precious musical instrument (9)
- 9 Authentic capital of magic kingdom (5)
- 11 Grounds for registration being taken by police officer (5)
- 12 Revolution beheaded female agent for making things clear (9)
- 13 Had babies strewn about (8)
- 15 What is inherited by Virginia's lakeside city (6)
- 17 Sorcerer's not genuine article (6)
- 19 Spooky tale's opening welcomed by unruly children — but not ending (8)
- 22 Bust make up is worn by half of you (9)
- 23 Fetishes are known to start with tattoos (5)
- 24 Caught suspected intruder — not at all! (5)
- 25 Most grotty dishes do get smashed ahead of time (9)
- 26 Humiliate compiler in article following editor's rejection (6)
- 27 Talismans include manger in a Christian service (7)

DOWN

- 1 Glibness might result from this combination of positive and negative qualities (5,8)
- 2 Important military incursion (7)
- 3 Use fast filling snacks (5)
- 4 Charges after deleting former lover's letters (8)
- 5 Tempted to backtrack with advancing death (4,2)
- 6 Compulsory EU rights guide revised (2,7)
- 7 Toast a half-dead farce (7)
- 10 Mass spectrometer's introduction succeeds as much as test configuration (13)
- 14 Girl supports end of cake decoration (9)
- 16 Manifesto format manipulated by political extremes (8)
- 18 Bleak House's climax adopted by American writer (7)
- 20 Hybrid take over's leading characters include investor (7)
- 21 Drill more off? (6)
- 23 Glory for solving unfinished su doku (5)

Solution 17,917

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