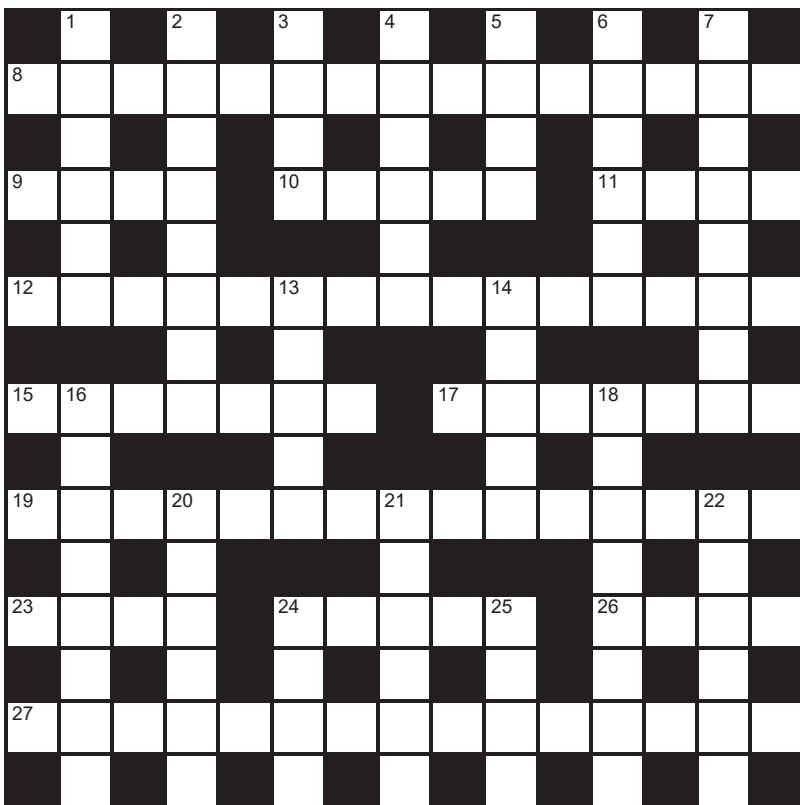


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JOTTER PAD

Across answers are of a kind. Each across clue is undefined, but one word in the clue hints at the solution

ACROSS

- 8 Crack army introduced folding quality (4,11)
- 9 Love games breaks at work (4)
- 10 Very old earl (5)
- 11 Bishop reportedly took over (4)
- 12 After breakdown, try and replenish writer's liquid potassium (6,9)
- 15 Jay Gatsby's back, hardly one furlong ahead (7)
- 17 Someone selling doctor heroin (7)
- 19 King trained fighters here, boxing resort (7,4,4)
- 23 Special cycling routes (4)
- 24 Run section off page (5)
- 26 Like Mistress for Marvell to stay quiet about (4)
- 27 European Union monitors suspect altering name (6,9)

DOWN

- 1 Take northbound course and arrest highwayman (6)
- 2 Extremely hard not to get worked up, sleep having been cut short (8)
- 3 Each program is cipher-loaded (1,3)
- 4 Confined to bed, perhaps? You bet (3,3)
- 5 Introduction to Magdalen's dons one career high point (4)
- 6 Drum beat a ballroom embraces (6)
- 7 Jumped-up PC arrests one: nothing left of blooming substance! (8)
- 13 Hats off to Starmer, keeping away the aristocracy (5)
- 14 Some time left to bottle up fragrant resin (5)
- 16 Off the point, Rex has departed far from happy (8)
- 18 Texan county cop's sadly fracturing leg? (8)
- 20 Tortoise not one to set about potato cakes (6)
- 21 Well before time, did you say, in a spin? (6)
- 22 9 games with second halves cancelled (6)
- 24 A noble look (4)
- 25 Not for eating in African land (4)