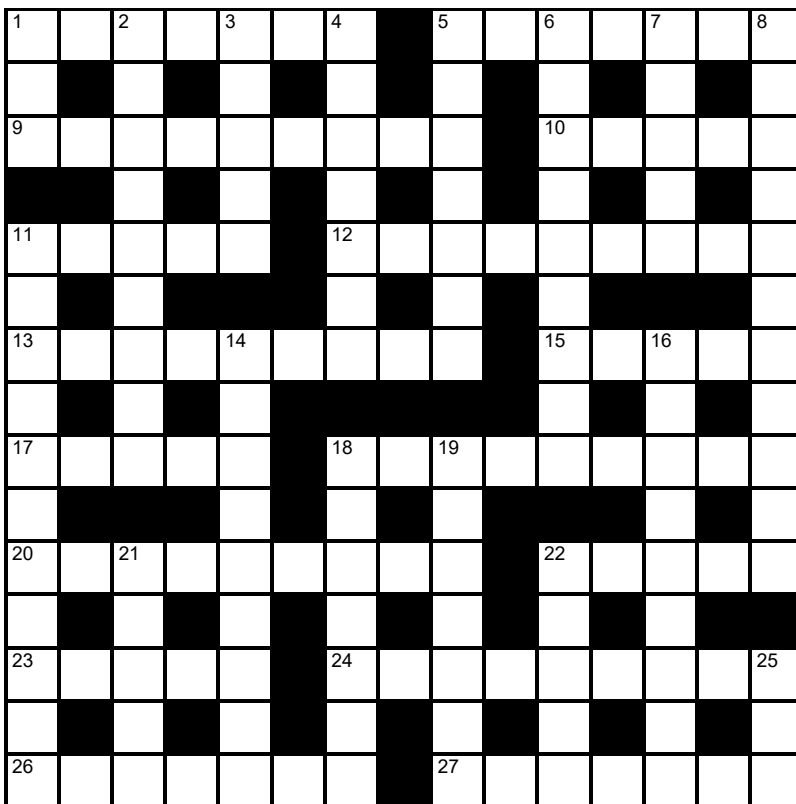


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Stylish male model's pecker? (7)
- 5 It's made of brass, or strong card, even bits of felt (7)
- 9 Stick with it, even though the end may not be in sight (9)
- 10 Start rotating the face of dice (5)
- 11 My hands move around and fasten (5)
- 12 They covered men's genitals with bits of fish (9)
- 13 Plastic yashmac worn by old queen reluctant to be photographed (6-3)
- 15 Maybe tug bells in here? (5)
- 17 Relative in smart top going away (5)
- 18 Dear old setter's nursing swans (9)
- 20 Dynamic steps taken to finally kill Caesar, savagely (9)
- 22 How might one describe this clue? 'Like a window shelf'? (5)
- 23 Little shrimp stop nibbling diver's bottom (5)
- 24 Sear and saute rice balls (9)
- 26 US leader briefly surrounded by relations cycling fast (7)
- 27 What symbolises Britain? Rubbish hairstyle? Golf? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Start to chop huge lettuce (3)
- 2 Dependency on e-mails collapsing, broken by the beginning of Facebook (4,2,3)
- 3 Criticise thousands carrying nitric oxide about (5)
- 4 Devout woman covers a church with special shades (7)
- 5 Engineer stayed close to Timbuktu earlier in the week (7)
- 6 [] (9)
- 7 French bread Solomon dropped on top of cat, causing hysteria (5)
- 8 Cut street development and advocate railway and plane repairs? (4,7)
- 11 In audition, singer from Sheffield spilling soup (4-1-6)
- 14 Colour in your label in a slapdash manner (5,4)
- 16 Try and come out on top by the end of naked Twister (9)
- 18 Tempts man foregoing starter with desserts (7)
- 19 Ruffle a Sikh's headwear, dislodging article (7)
- 21 Martin and Penny take heroin — it's cool (5)
- 22 Balloon found inside daughter's welly (5)
- 25 That with a shell, say, cracked by goose's head (3)



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