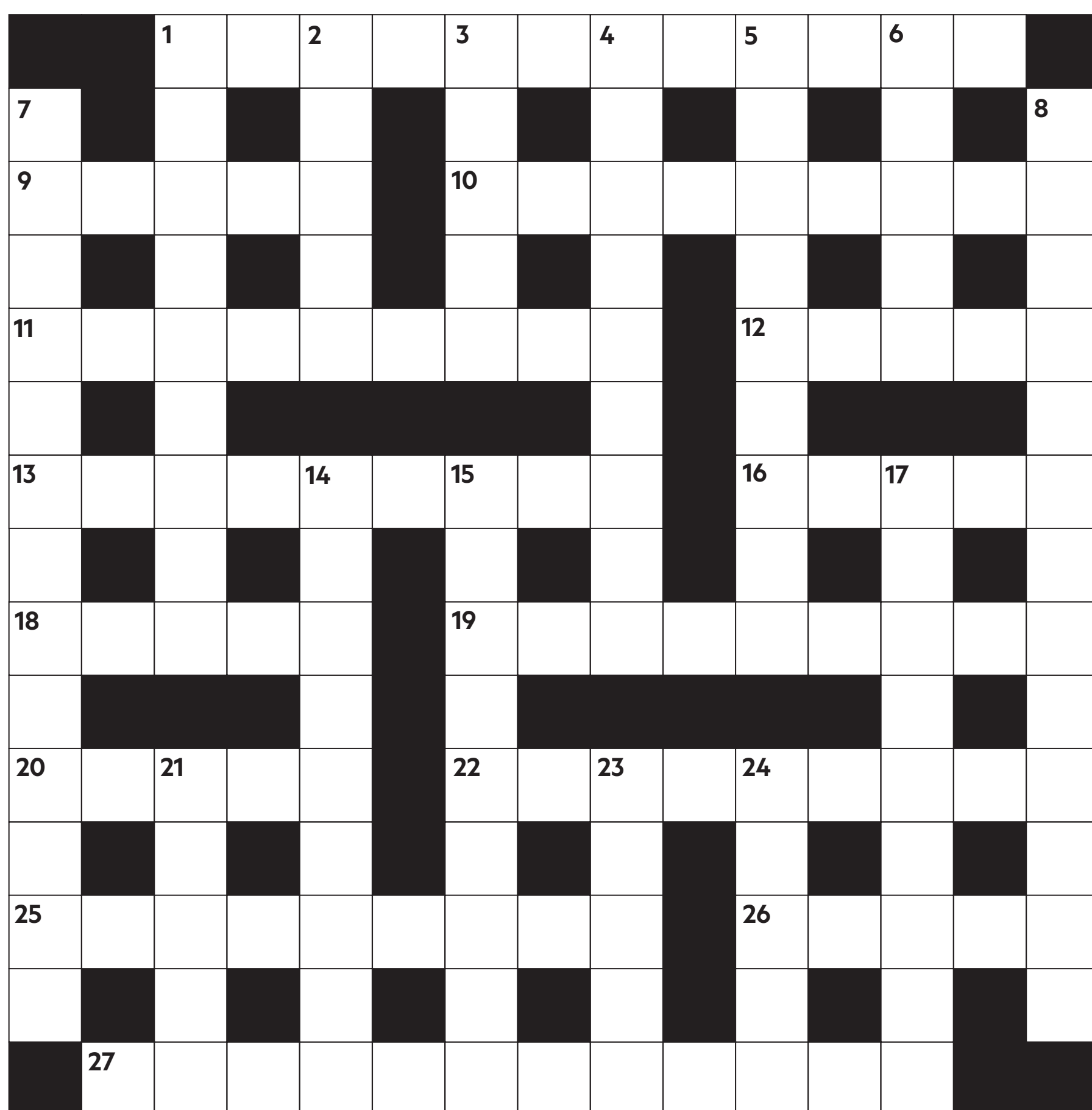


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 658

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1** Straightforward, unemotional (6-2-4)
- 9** Arrangement (3-2)
- 10** Lack of guilt (9)
- 11** Tree plantation (9)
- 12** Topic (5)
- 13** Persist, persevere (7, 2)
- 16** Eccentric, unusual (5)
- 18** Of the nose (5)
- 19** Decorators' protective cover (9)
- 20** Part of the hand (5)
- 22** Classical music group (9)
- 25** Furthest from the centre (9)
- 26** Odour (5)
- 27** London thoroughfare associated with medicine (6, 6)

DOWN

- 1** Shelves for clothes protectors (9)
- 2** Narrow piece of pasta, perhaps (5)
- 3** Are cricket teams assimilated by England team's leaders? (5)
- 4** Decorations of remnants, perhaps (9)
- 5** Frivolous one taken in by paper debts (9)
- 6** Get about one rebuilt boat (5)
- 7** When cheekiness with one big group of people makes a killing (13)
- 8** Solemnly corrected levity with learner (13)
- 14** Reactionary real changes after current piece of proposed legislation's put up (9)
- 15** Bloody rag I disposed of, ignoring second-rate branch of medicine (9)
- 17** Handling source of cash in plant's not added (9)
- 21** Radical art rises, protected by university left (5)
- 23** Copper bird's to come up to expectations (3, 2)
- 24** Follow unseen mix-up endlessly (5)

Solution 657

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