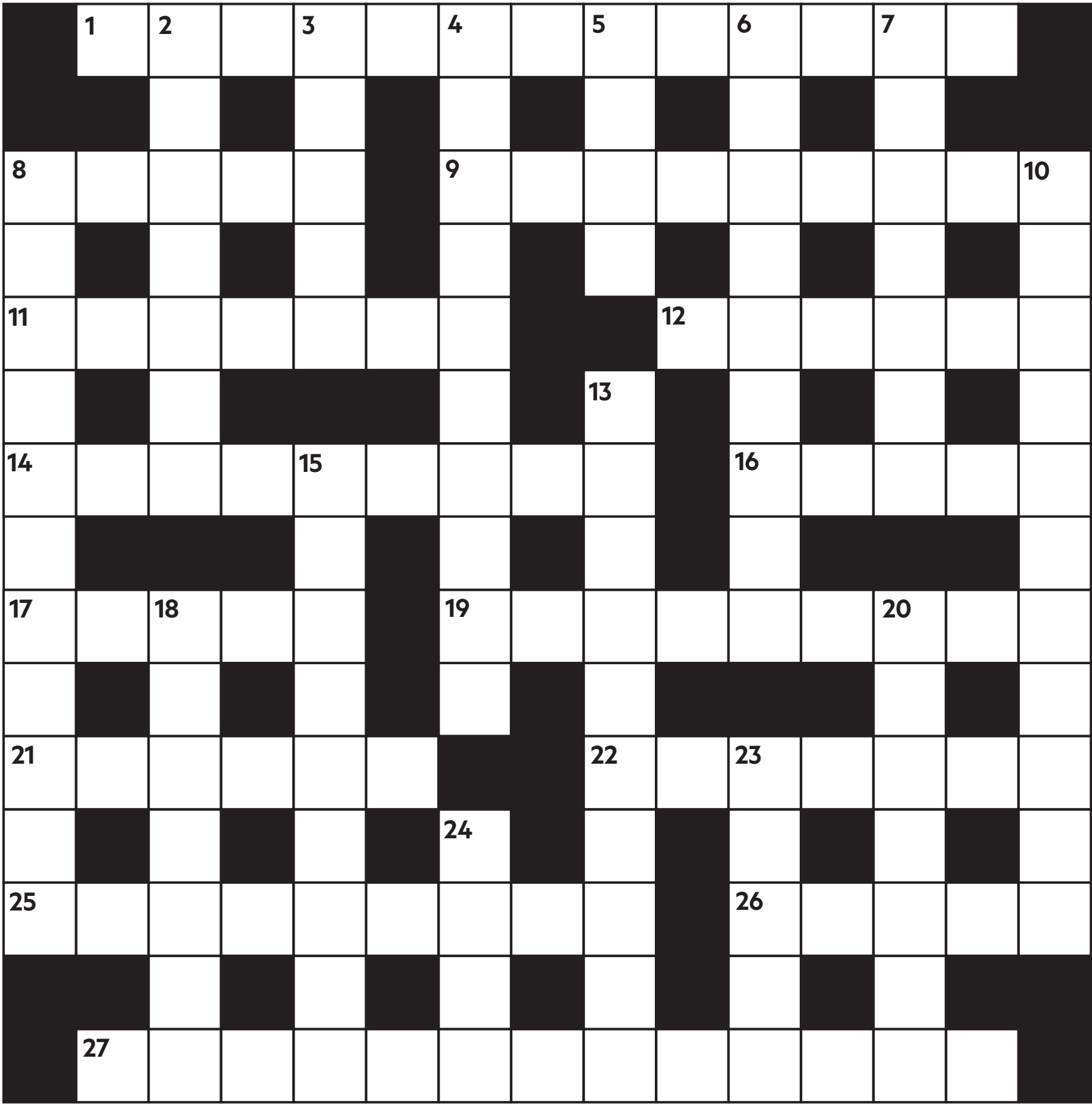


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Faultlessness, perfection (13)
- 8 Old-fashioned (5)
- 9 Between two parties (9)
- 11 Agitator (7)
- 12 Cord (6)
- 14 Trifle, unimportant matter (9)
- 16 Lofty principle (5)
- 17 Complex river mouth (5)
- 19 Keep apart (9)
- 21 One or the other (6)
- 22 Platform for experimentation (4, 3)
- 25 Strong waterproof sheet (9)
- 26 Thighbone (5)
- 27 Plants and animals (5, 3, 5)

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DOWN

- 2 Number lean on top of gown’s zip (7)
- 3 Tree growing up in sacred land (5)
- 4 To free up is covered by reliable changes (10)
- 5 Charge potential act (4)
- 6 Don’t take action with one retitled incorrectly (3, 2, 4)
- 7 Word that is encompassing head of this tiny creature (7)
- 8 Being rebellious, I’d send it out with medal inside (11)
- 10 Alleged rent’s dodgy cash (5, 6)
- 13 Increased hedge, then I converted (10)
- 15 Business event just after traditional end of performance (5, 4)
- 18 Strict trial organised with leaders of experimental lab (7)
- 20 White book one put up without starting (7)
- 23 In this way a condition’s raised for capital (5)
- 24 Little jumper and a fleece on top? Not half! (4)