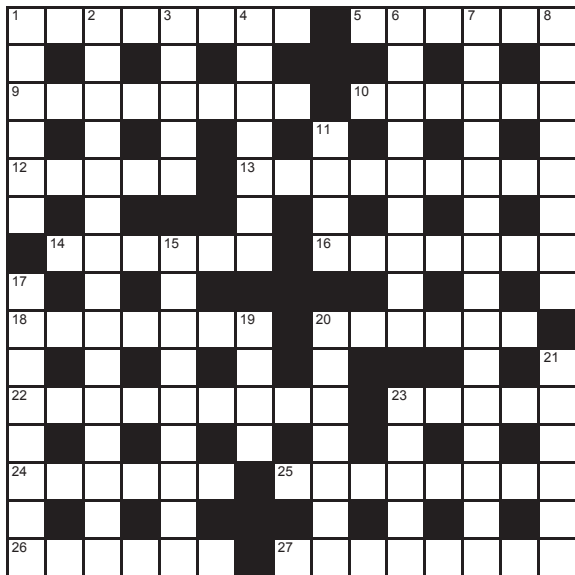


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Typical Englishman can intimidate last to go (4,4)
- 5 Firm's small board (6)
- 9 Sick child catches each European infestation (4,4)
- 10 Quartermaster's hard drinks passed round decoys (1-5)
- 12 Takes out fruit (5)
- 13 Tight-fisted tailor lying about pullover? (9)
- 14 The sort of interest politician stupidly lies about? (6)
- 16 Trick cyclists' contracts (7)
- 18 Shy people unknown in refurbished stores (7)
- 20 Chauvinistic teams split group (6)
- 22 Two kings in elaborate hosiery riding here (9)
- 23 Rector's assistant about to follow sixth rector (5)
- 24 Airport building's no good in fog (6)
- 25 Misusing these in office may result in plasters (8)
- 26 Place on border gives undertaking (6)
- 27 Paid rural department with regular yield (8)

DOWN

- 1 Militants in Jordan's capital owned 11 boxes (6)
- 2 Pay for it to cure anorexic? Sure can, if ordered (6,9)
- 3 7 contains total nonsense (5)

- 4 Gaps ruined a clue about an uprising (7)
- 6 She's willing to try adult jokes on radio (9)
- 7 City in US obliged nervous buyers to borrow from it (8,7)
- 8 Writer's French art, for example, is in Berlin (8)
- 11 Battery cells (4)
- 15 Ship in, say, accident traps conscript (5-4)
- 17 Everybody's hoping franchise is secured (4,4)
- 19 Fraud in posh part of London's variable (4)
- 20 Ghost could give you the creeps if he came in (7)
- 21 After long periods 3's completely removed (6)
- 23 Is it venomous if prodded initially with ruler? (5)

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