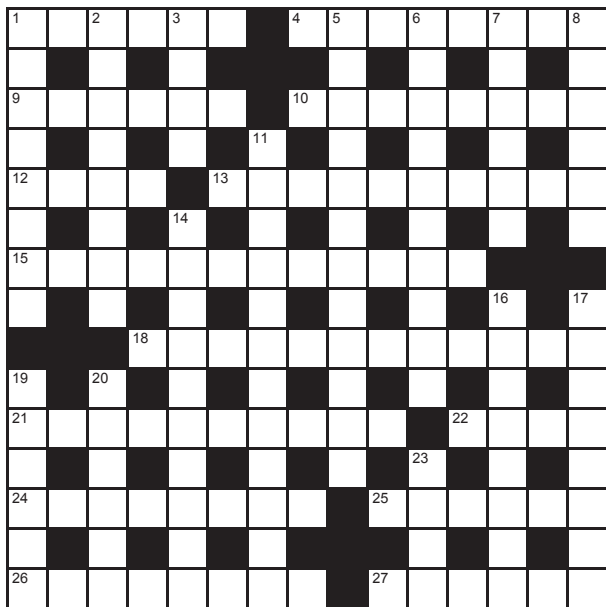


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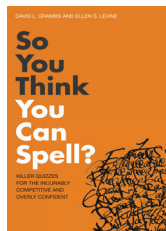
## ACROSS

- 1 "Thing", alien with piscatorial skin? (6)
- 4 Bagging an old hag, lad set off (6,2)
- 9 Island ways discussed (6)
- 10 Tramp pays to get wood (8)
- 12 Cash found here, so dig (4)
- 13 Agree about way out, such being elaborate (10)
- 15 One doing another in, PM sore, beaten with a rock (12)
- 18 Faint mention about a show of facts (12)
- 21 Word of realisation about friend and author being unprofessional (10)
- 22 Little and soft, go "boo-hoo" (4)
- 24 Returning, say, king and Islamic ruler come again (2-6)
- 25 Voice behind state bridge (6)
- 26 Naughty download showing scene in nature (8)
- 27 Fragment of cardigan or a khaki coat (6)



## DOWN

- 1 Serious to be squashed by tree, getting medical treatment (5,3)
- 2 Author dipping bread in drink (8)
- 3 Drop something at the bottom of the garden? (4)
- 5 Work in show upset a girl – oh dear (6-1-5)
- 6 Precise direction for tapering? (2,3,5)
- 7 Greatly experienced in success, don't move an inch! (4,2)
- 8 An upstanding artist seeing eastern city (6)
- 11 Old bird, male, fine taking off – continue to tease the great beast (6,6)
- 14 Bit of fruit no good with sword stuck in mouth (6,4)
- 16 Fit mock clasps, as dealer in brooches etc (8)
- 17 Short pipe making highest note, lagged by something woolly (8)
- 19 Save line for the grave (6)
- 20 Look over middle of arbour, as garden feature (6)
- 23 European steering mechanism ending in desperation (4)

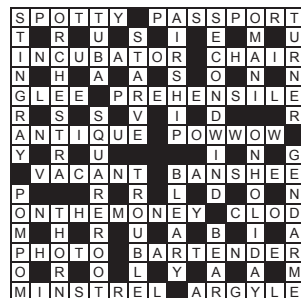


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