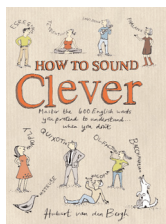
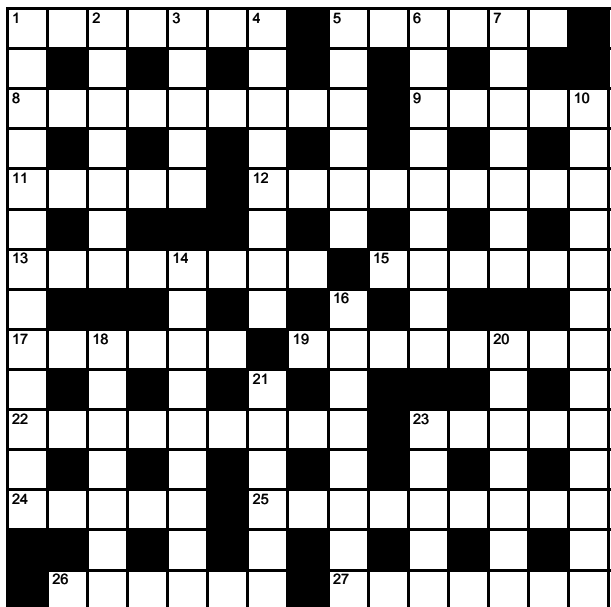


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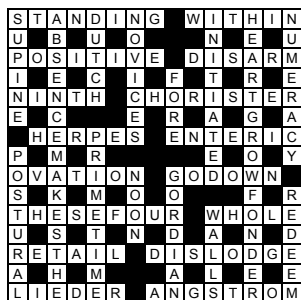
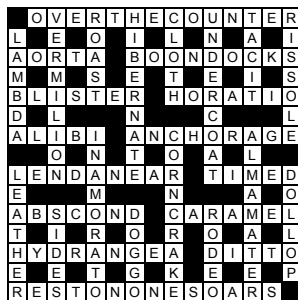
- 1 Popular book impounded by police after revolution (7)
 - 5 Debuts of royal opera company replicated in 18th century style (6)
 - 8 Actor isn't cast as swindler (3,6)
 - 9 Charges for bags (5)
 - 11 Major league's ultimate state (5)
 - 12 Weather forecaster more exposed outside old opera house (9)
 - 13 Failure to employ pndit? (3-5)
 - 15 Go through composition that's about right (6)
 - 17 Rise for auditor given thumbs-up (6)
 - 19 Bird seed primarily put in cherry pie? (8)
 - 22 Free choice essential for sport (3,6)
 - 23 Contract providing prize money (5)
 - 24 One day with an arch-fiend (5)
 - 25 Biting insect next to ditch (9)
 - 26 Organ in school given thorough examination (6)
 - 27 Instrument gripping curtain material for arched aperture (7)
- ## DOWN
- 1 Programmes making audience storm out (13)
 - 2 Refer to upright character in French resort (7)
 - 3 Pithy part for Peter Sellers (5)
 - 4 Appropriate opener for England after key game (8)
 - 5 Sally may be found in lab (6)
 - 6 Masculine failing – making false statements (9)
 - 7 Book part in religious assembly (7)
 - 10 Wandering setter there at turns in the road? (6,7)
 - 14 Drink now brewed? In part! (9)
 - 16 Fit as a fiddle? If you say so (4,4)
 - 18 The woman's articles under cover (7)
 - 20 A brutal person overcoming resistance is up to date (7)
 - 21 Outline of singular vessel (6)
 - 23 Nut about to be put in prison (5)



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