

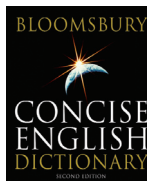
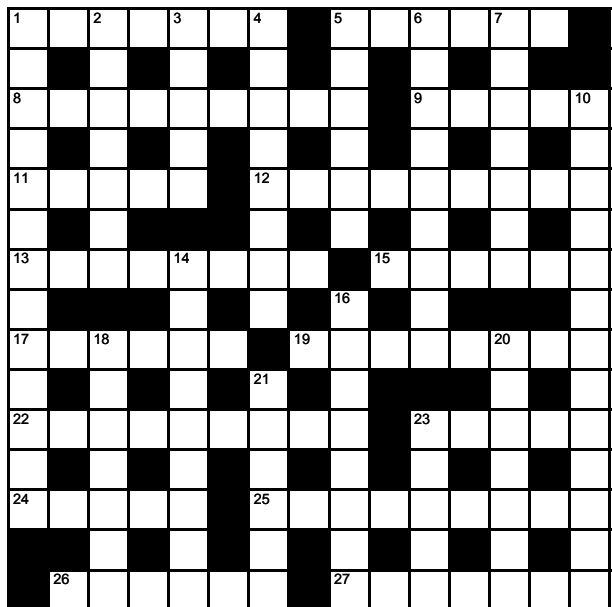
Crossword 13,404 Set by Cincinnus

ACROSS

- 1 Good supporter and hard worker (7)
- 5 Rod's hairpiece (6)
- 8 Medicinal plant – one left after plague (9)
- 9 Article seized by strait-laced old king (5)
- 11 He would get time off to avoid commitment (5)
- 12 An old poem in translation made to look silly (9)
- 13 Eccentric puts rice in baked pastry (8)
- 15 Made a mess of sediment in river? Just the opposite (6)
- 17 Copper in front of indecent junior minister's office (6)
- 19 Military vehicle for which one should be prepared? (5,3)
- 22 Lack of interest in a Parisian business (9)
- 23 Beginner in Athens (5)
- 24 Awake memories of one who raised Cain accepting fine (5)
- 25 Twirl rake in deep hole next to hollow tree (9)
- 26 Liveliness of priest after conversion (6)
- 27 Flier from Dartmoor to Lancashire (7)

DOWN

- 1 Understand snap? (3,3,7)
- 2 A connection is cut (7)
- 3 On the spot in further education (5)
- 4 A woman's not so brutal (8)
- 5 Only fellow without a grave (6)
- 6 Cincinnus is ready with Rameau's last composition (9)
- 7 Church leader in Ireland not in favour of wine (7)
- 10 Floundering, need mariner at sea (13)
- 14 One whose relations are said to be entertaining (9)
- 16 Production plan in coarse form (8)
- 18 Judges playing conkers (7)
- 20 In Islamabad I may be excellent (7)
- 21 Autocrat has first of shocks in store (6)
- 23 A mostly dreary time – but not for children (5)

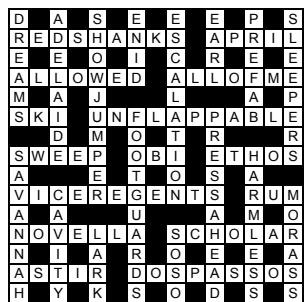


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Solution 13,403



Solution 13,392



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