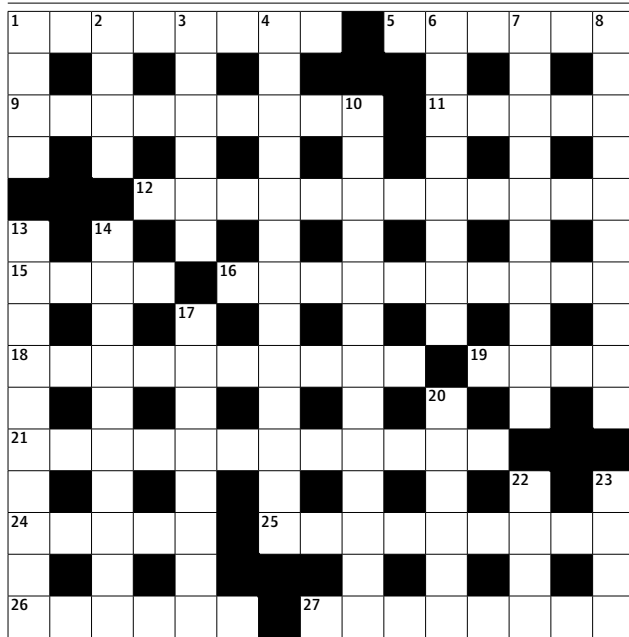


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Across

- 1 Avoid supplementary measure (8)
- 5 Throws out first of couples in Cornish town, not quite retired (6)
- 9,24 Tree and flower died, protected by second-rate lifesaver, perhaps? (5,4,5)
- 11 Tyson's no longer one to bite (5)
- 12 You might bet this model, male model, wearing swine (6,6)
- 15 Figure not opening flat (4)
- 16 Animal holding breath after one's flipped over rattlesnake (10)
- 18 Honing work is in the secret of great comedy? (10)
- 19 God knocking back port (4)
- 21 Recorder of rainbows, perhaps, got extremes of colour blurred (12)
- 24 See 9
- 25 Plant torn apart in skirmish (5,4)
- 26 Read aloud "Nameless Seducer" from the end (6)
- 27 On the contrary, can writer say it's the source of all our characteristics? (4,4)

Down

- 1 Plunder with the axe? (4)
- 2,22,23 Leonardo assembled wood boxes on the

- box, no questions asked (4,2,2,4)
- 3 Swimming classes? (6)
- 4 Choose state marines to underline ludicrous cost, which is flashy and highly charged (8,5)
- 6,20 What was removed by the old Queen's ablutions? Last of grime, so sweet (8,6)
- 7 Domestics, result of prince getting to grips with a princess (10)
- 8 Informer revealing the Queen's into drink and drugs (10)
- 10 2 with virtual geek before short doze, as web designer (3,7-3)
- 13 Somewhat ignored, is no certainty for promotion? Think again (10)
- 14 The rig has come loose from the earth's heat (10)
- 17 A setter covering your stone – a purple one? (8)
- 20 See 6
- 22 See 2
- 23 See 2

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