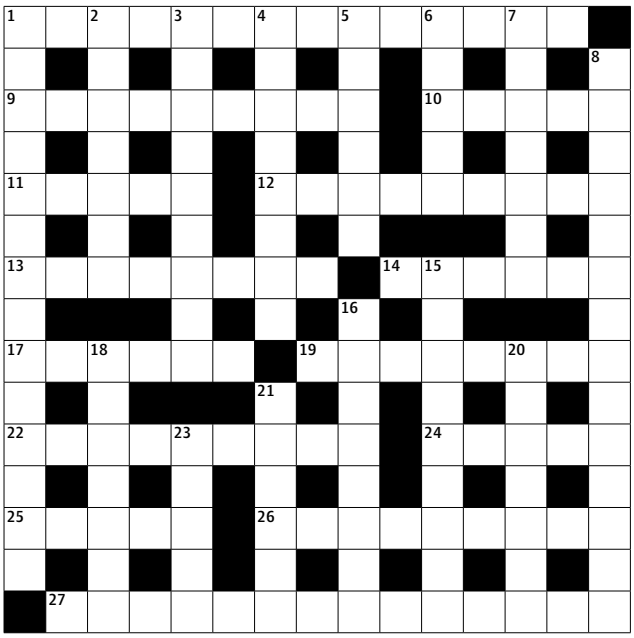
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

1,14 Study in group for preference with absolutely endless entry (Collins) (5,3,6,6)
9 Thackeray's 1 across Mrs, or Mrs Collins, bad girl etc wrongly put outside (9)
10 Playwright with killer on line (5)
11 Report of the Blue Boy? (5)
12 Name given to action relating to property (5,4)
13 Pale robe possibly worth putting on table (8)
14 See 1
17 The monkey's mistake (6)
19 Agape with fish before work in London, say (4,4)
22 Weather feature with French gentleman among battle lines? (4,5)
24 Golden solver's French royal family (5)
25 Composer of simple harmonies (5)
26 Tough goddess shortly keeping a lot of American carnivores (9)
27 More lies fabricated in capital by Tory group (8,6)

Down

1 Lauren carrying king's child: he was starting from a desperate position (5,2,3,4)
2 Shifty sort of action (7)
3 Describe good food shop with pure energy (9)
4 You're welcome? No thanks – unbelievable (3,2,3)
5 Mixed bather to be held under water (6)
6 Jethro with oriental fabric (5)
7 Grave, listener's home (7)
8 Fruit for fellow with audacity kidnapping Mrs Batty (Last of the Summer Wine) (8,6)
15 Chosen people went on bus with conductor (9)
16 Gas that should be pure: I flatter to deceive (8)
18 9's suicidal lover – sheep's about right! (7)
20 Dog keeps Yorkshire river rising with 1 across, say (7)
21 Robin loves bugbear (6)
23 Meeting of reactionary spirit (5)

Solution No. 25,465

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