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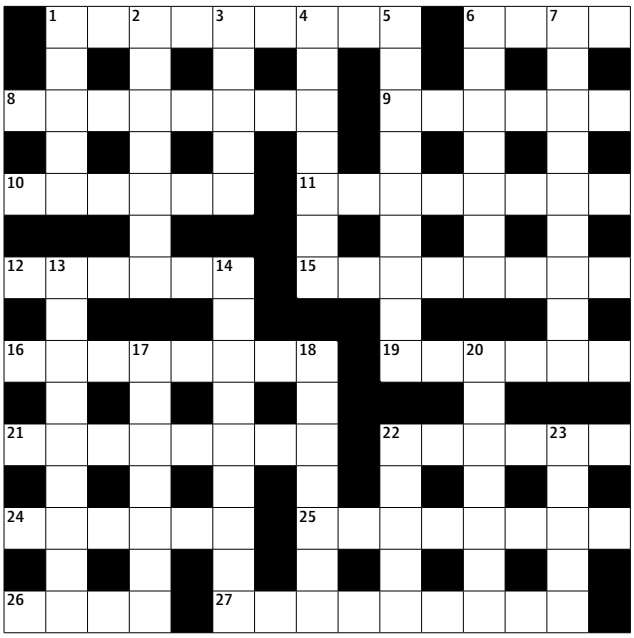

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Across

1 Back Nesbitt with one pound over beers here (6,3)
6 How to work with the foreign "author" of a 23 (4)
8 Fruit beds oust loss leader in springtime (8)
9 Capital is Bonaparte's core Iberian destination in Fielding's 23 (6)
10 Fixed savings account originally lacking insulting double-digit rises? (1-5)
11 As a favour, twice aim non-stop to turn over vote (2,6)
12 Note shabby clothing for subject of a 23 (6)
15 Made quick call, ordering Kindle loaded with no-frills book (6,2)
16 Men in civil partnerships in 4's destination? (8)
19 Opposition wise, say, to implicate gravity after Soyuz regularly lost bits (6)
21 Writer is in Paris holding talks about Italy (8)
22 12 like inferior wine? (6)
24 Draper perhaps, subject of a 23 (6)
25 Take some credit for ward? (8)
26 Interminably long time covered by Defoe's 23 (4)
27 Correspondent's last word after bank closes (9)

Down

1 Various happy events haven't escaped author of a 23 (5)
2 Fielding's heroine's doctor tried to pen good book first (7)
3 Hagiolaters adore these pieces I set on top (5)
4 Author of a 23's small intestine cramps (and large) (7)
5 I walk round institute beset by ground rules? (9)
6 Subject of a 23 in dubious arms deal one cut (3,4)
7 I confess supporting new painting upset treatment of star (9)
13 Blow up at least 12 deliveries to gallery (9)
14 Huge stars in Man Utd, as fans describe them? (3,6)
17 Scale of river water in Seine lifted spirit (7)
18 Strike isn't designed to comfort Jones's Wall Street colleague (3-4)
20 On TV he breezed about absorbing energy for rear end (7)
22 Relative makes odd noises these days (5)
23 Daily Record's inflammatory? Not half (5)

Solution No. 25,549

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