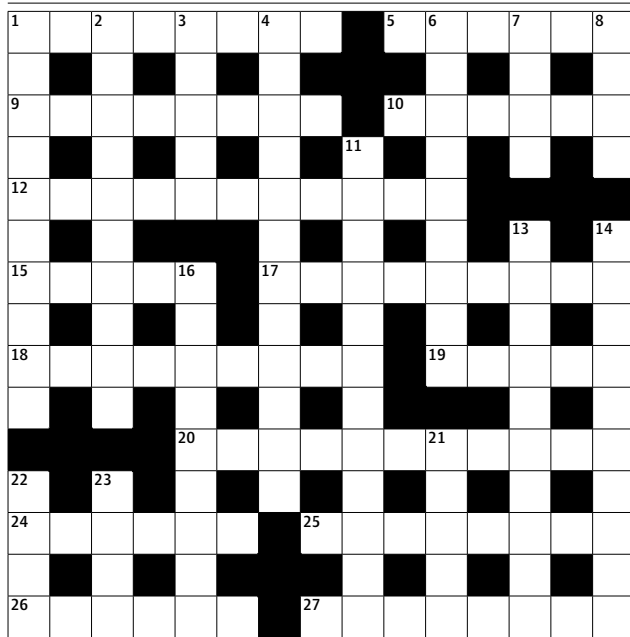


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Across

- 1 Find views of university in excellent books (5,3)
- 5 Wretched sailor getting cold in stream (6)
- 9 Extremely rude vagrant came inside for wine bottle (8)
- 10 Conjuror sometimes a pilgrim (6)
- 12 Heartless girl close to tears after playing around with more than one husband (11)
- 15 Log first axed in middle of America (5)
- 17 Prepared for conflict in pits? (5,4)
- 18 Gluttons' bread ration somewhere in France (9)
- 19 Crime writer Wallace and Gromit initially read in translation (5)
- 20 Staggering behind empty stable, second in horse race (11)
- 24 A daughter of Mnemosyne – daughter unlike Queen Victoria (6)
- 25 What a canary will do repeatedly in prison (4,4)
- 26 Very smooth malt whisky finally put on plane (6)
- 27 Organ part that is holding notes back (5,3)

Down

- 1 Opening for Steptoe's rubbish? Plenty here (10)
- 2 It may be stuffed poultry he's cooked (10)

- 3 President unknown in Middle East state? Not entirely (5)
- 4 Fully functional as a mountain stream (2,3,7)
- 6 Egg roll for starters in old-fashioned club or restaurant (9)
- 7 Outer Mongolia supports Forster novel (4)
- 8 Brown bears right in lake (4)
- 11 Action! Send on cast for film! (12)
- 13 Ship – Titanic – one going down in salt water (10)
- 14 One has twelve houses, making realtors go crazy (10)
- 16 In Hollywood Claude shed tears, often getting soaked (9)
- 21 Sound of sleigh bells? Non-starter in a hot spot (5)
- 22 Not all classical music is serene (4)
- 23 Girl lacking energy, needing good psychiatrist (4)

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