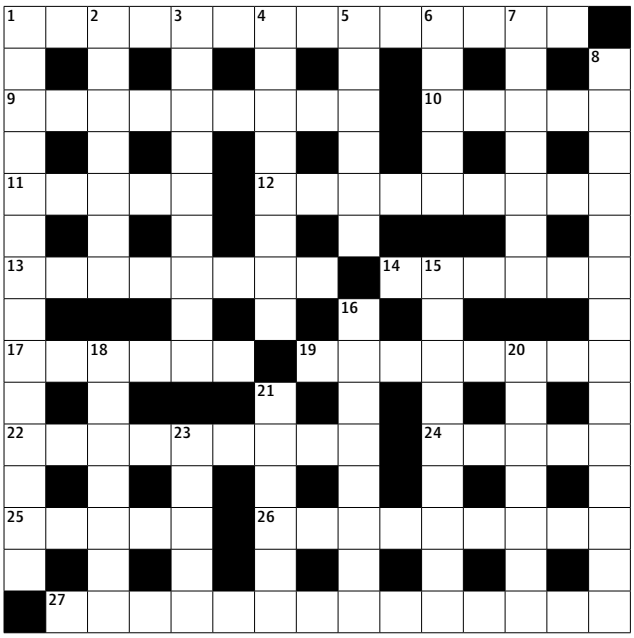
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

1 Poultice collected, we hear, for each nursing terminal (7,7)
9 Tablet used by Lloyd's underwriter with false teeth (9)
10 Quality instrument used by dramatist (5)
11 See 17
12 Smashing results a long time after opening shot (9)
13 Plot and background of Arsenic and Old Lace? (8)
14 Time for hands to meet team with one extra? (6)
17,11 Sleuth's report on result of parental exposure in Sun? (6,5)
19 Predator follows beaten track, missing a huge amount (8)
22 Key worker on main motorway turning left (9)
24 Playwright's first annual award (5)
25 Corners everyone's against? (5)
26 Speaker's prevailed after a king's brought to court (9)
27 24's character from army 5 crudely round bend (4,10)

Down

1 Boxer possibly top advocate for offshore tax haven? (4,4,6)
2 VIP setter's filling in a second puzzle, finally (7)
3 Postscript saying Poland's premier writer should be included (9)
4 Liqueur I found in Bermuda all over the place (8)
5 Smirked before getting taken outside (6)
6 Trace source of 8 (5)
7 Welshman raised on gospel (7)
8 Mine's a dire job in conflict with head of school (4,4,6)
15 Slimmer with more guile eats little (9)
16 Old banger's blood-stained, bearing signs of impact (8)
18 Tucking into endless snacks, I only came originally for pudding (7)
20 Anger – a feature of high church ritual (7)
21 A fellow dons long garment for long journey (6)
23 Gay going topless with doubtful outcome (5)

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P	A	T	C	H	W	O	R	K	Q	U	I	L	T	■
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