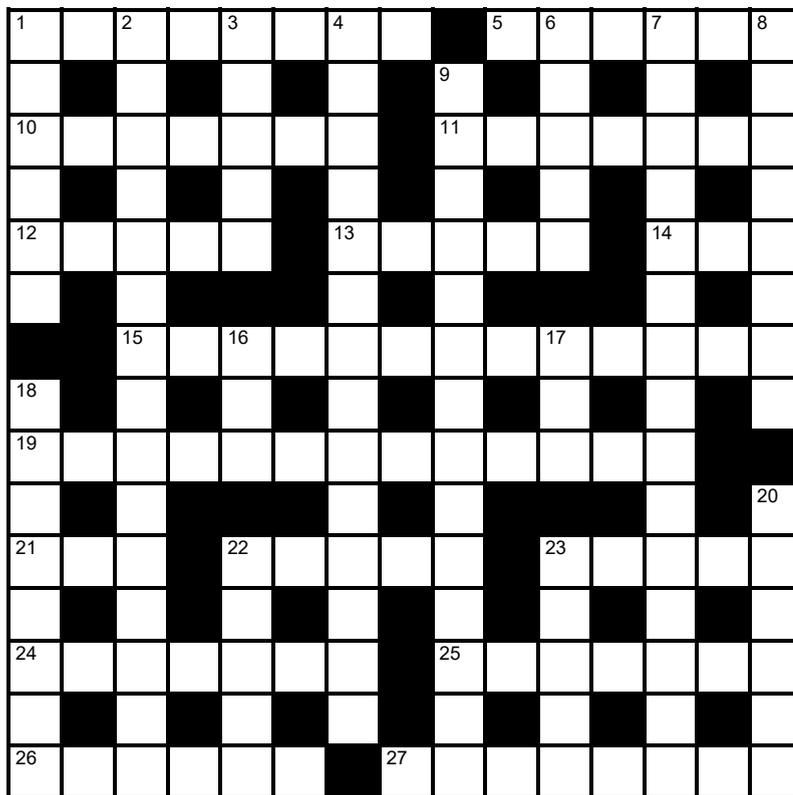


Think



Across

- 1 Old lady has a pint to knock back. First she's going for an Indian (8)
- 5 Maybe Sweeney Todd made an offensive remark to the Queen (6)
- 10 Optimistic - like a typical Englishman (7)
- 11 Taught you French and German by rote? That's unusual! (7)
- 12 See anger in French valley ... (5)
- 13 ... where Sun King also cavorted about (5)
- 14 Drink and drugs on trains (3)
- 15 Sound gent 17d is going out with a cutie (4,9)

Down

- 19 Beginning golfer? (7,6)
- 21 Return first prize (3)
- 22 Charlie's bullets ricochet around Mark (5)
- 23 An occasional sherry with a group of women might make one better informed (5)
- 24 It's a drag entertaining exceptionally rich English composer (7)
- 25 Routine operation at the pre-natal stage (2,5)
- 26 A bit of a fry-up for a sheriff to tuck into (6)
- 27 Runner's more complacent about first loss (8)

Down

- 1 American cell for gangsters found on French island (6)
- 2 Stacks of models have interest up front (7,8)
- 3 Setting for Wagner's Ring principally - first hit in English (5)
- 4 Philosopher:"After Major's blunder with tart I mull." (4,6,4)
- 6 Perhaps George Clooney's account's a bit steep - it might be (5)
- 7 With one abstention EU accepts the Queen's right over Article 50. Donald's beginning to come on board. He's done the maths (8,7)

- 8 Saved - right where English river meets the sea (8)
- 9 4d's view of Ilium:"It's a train-crash." (14)
- 16 Soldier leaves the front line in a vehicle (3)
- 17 Priest's over is over - but it's not over! (3)
- 18 This may fix bugs in air traveller's defective app (8)
- 20 The king's lover's coming over for the night - we're told it's an old habit (6)
- 22 American sandwiches - a bit of pasta - or a French snack? (5)
- 23 Forced to flee Gateshead after one week (5)