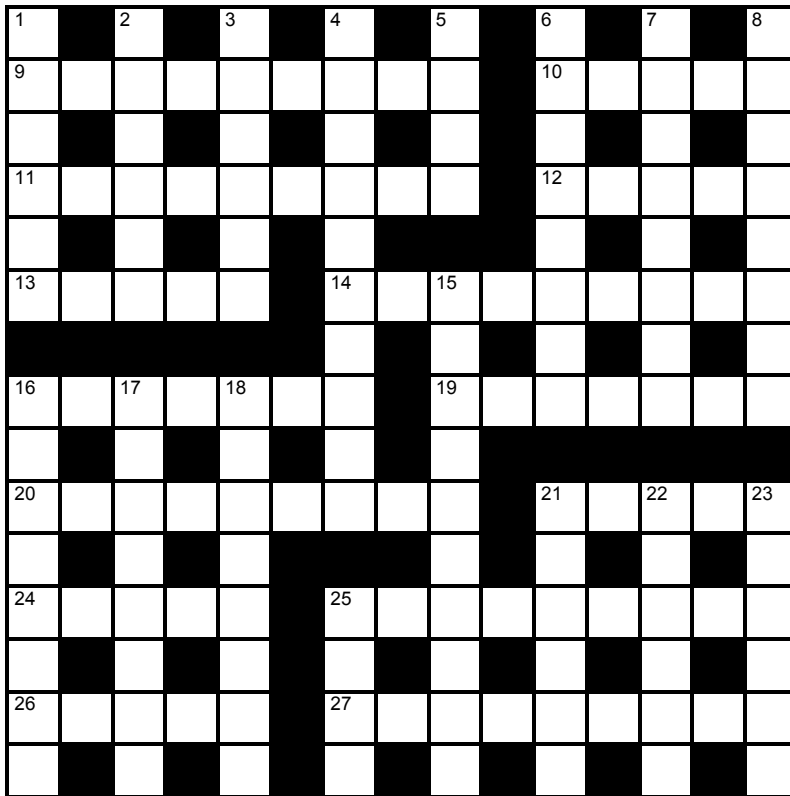


Several solutions are 12 23 26. They lack further definition.



Across

- 9 "Ass" nearly taken differently by interpreters (9)
- 10 After all, article is tacked on (5)
- 11 Briefly, small methods lost small cut flowers (4,5)
- 12 Many of them here, and just two of them together! (5)
- 13 What many here did to pass the time (5)
- 14 Spooner will put on strain of extensions (4,5)
- 16 Rates fluctuate both up and down on the plan (7)
- 19 Stop unholy 21 down (7)

- 20 Visiting Liss and other parts lowered (or raised) the tone (9)
- 21 Next to pitch, Northerner expressed surprise (2,3)
- 24 Boost endless fish (5)
- 25 Composer made a mistake, we hear, and stowed weapon (9)
- 26 Final stake tamed new costs; 23s highlighted financial backers (5)
- 27 Muck for home counties lass - a princess in disguise (5,4)

Down

- 1 Curtailed knowledge of Scottish river (6)
- 2 Laymen fell apart (6)
- 3 Not a first: depth he wanted (6)
- 4 Van lost a horse which unseated king: nobody set out in Alpine dress (10)
- 5 This isn't partly a Goddess (4)
- 6 The available workforce taken on by the Mayor of Douglas? (8)
- 7 Uppercut dropping a blister (8)
- 8 Objects he presented to alien at the back of the book (3,5)

- 15 Nothing grim boils over like quarrels (10)
- 16 View of offensive student loss (8)
- 17 Witticisms of two beasts in the Midwest (8)
- 18 Answer about partner: uniform discarded for neutral (8)
- 21 Desperate trouble, leaving nothing out (6)
- 22 Long, thin fish at Langley (6)
- 23 16 across's namesake's novel lacking pace at heart (6)
- 25 What Cameron wanted us to do to first hoodie (4)