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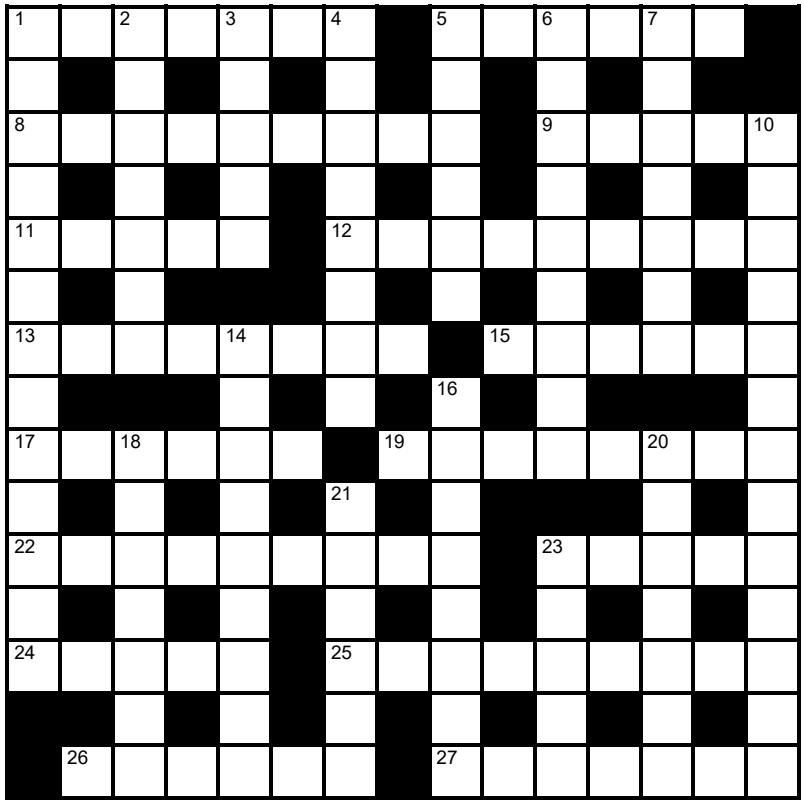

Across

1 Prime Minister's party backing down - victory! (7)
5 Not ready to tear a Parisian's clothing (6)
8 9 nurse sick sisters' homes (9)
9 Detective ignored theologian's plants (5)
11 Lobby about a method of killing (5)
12 Mother looked half-cut arranging accommodation (5,4)
13 Perhaps disliking certain fruit, American withdraws from battle (8)
15 Back in Cambuslang, I smash a traffic light, maybe (6)
17 Routine of British Army unit inspires American soldier (6)
19 Mild expletive left inside fish (8)
22 Stars round Scottish port spare no feelings (4,5)
23 See 21 Down
24 Jesus hiccuped swallowing food (5)
25 Nitrogen constantly increasing? Not again! (9)
26 Unexpectedly finish taking extreme liberty to arouse affection (6)
27 Hairdresser on register of piggeries (7)

Down

1 Some fruit cake chaps almost forget about (5,2,6)
2 Crane-fly daddy's lost somewhere near the boundary (4,3)
3 21 with fish he initially swallowed (5)
4 Horse's expression of voting against, you say? (8)
5 Firm in profit beginning to see unexpected losses (6)
6 Presumably 21's work only occasionally stops increasing power (9)
7 Game based on 21: boat bridge (7)
10 Some hieroglyphics imply Thebes threatened 21's work (6,3,4)
14 Measure encountered rising anger after the 13 21's work (9)
16 Records are right about urticaria (8)
18/23 21/23 winner angry, so spills drink (7,5)
20 City in Iran blown up by witchcraft (7)
21/23A Rerun tripe somehow acquiring last character award (6,5)
23 See 18