

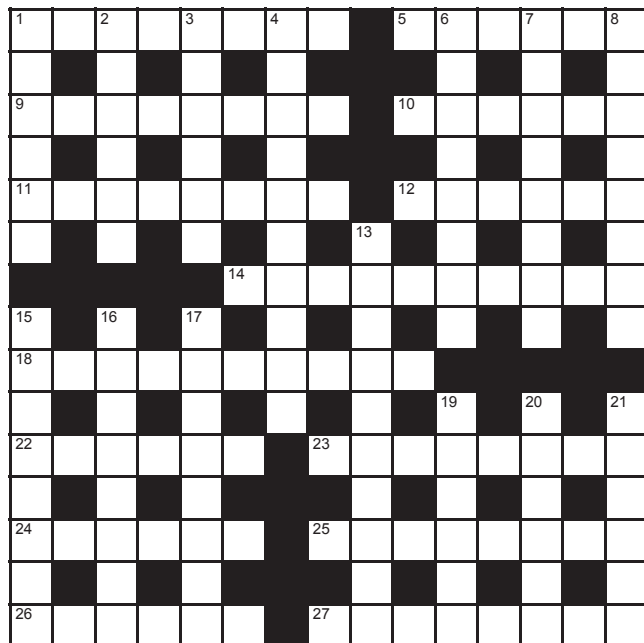
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ACROSS

- 1 Capital, dude, a nuisance (8)
- 5 Plugging sink, secure instrument (6)
- 9 Several switches on back of dimmer switch (8)
- 10 You've been caught cold in Batman's home, for the most part (6)
- 11 Solid piece of furniture no good, one breaking (8)
- 12 Already in transit, I sail westward (2,2,2)
- 14 Cheek concealing Republican indiscretion (10)
- 18 Score onto delicate material for cutting (10)
- 22 Not entirely unpleasant, old cave (6)
- 23 Epic film about a criminal lover (8)
- 24 Go with tune composed for organ (6)
- 25 Hood gets adjusted before beginning of race after horse going backwards (8)
- 26 Delivery from royal house, Tudor or Windsor? (6)
- 27 Ample bottles needed promptly, primarily for ladies' event (3,5)

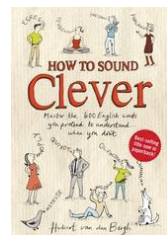
DOWN

- 1 Rogue shackled by queen, perhaps, scold (6)
- 2 Like to consume French wine for sport (6)
- 3 Authorise what to do with straight hair for a change? (6)
- 4 Colleague heading for breakdown in no-win situation? (10)
- 6 Pocket billiards team about to make a splash, perhaps? (8)
- 7 Hooker I bed in baseball team? (8)
- 8 After shuffling round both poles, start to really move (8)
- 13 Canine drinking last of water, one glass for cream (10)
- 15 Somewhat clever boxing match (8)
- 16 Vessel holding – and in – the drink? (8)
- 17 Stand out, as decay in moralist (8)
- 19 Reversible dog collar put away (4,2)
- 20 Refuse all babies (6)
- 21 Not showing head, badger below street lit at night (6)



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