

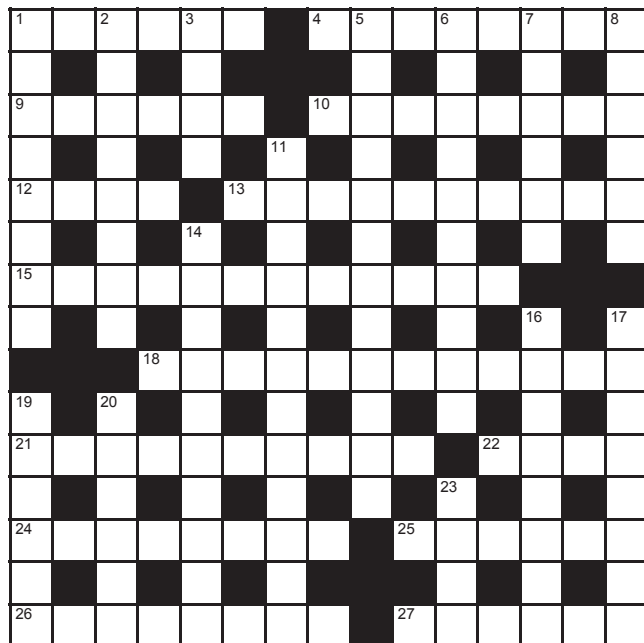
Crossword 15,934 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Mean, sticking key in nose (6)
- 4 Pipe in which heat abounding (8)
- 9 Servant – need you back! (6)
- 10 Beastly condition beginning to grate in veterans (8)
- 12 Promise of apple tart and hot starters (4)
- 13 Career set, I moved desk (10)
- 15 Scratching head, subversive gradually changing (12)
- 18 Figure has long flowing dresses for Levantine region (5,7)
- 21 A cloth pulled back in yielding Caribbean fruit (5,5)
- 22 Hot – or not? (4)
- 24 Soldier guarding queen in queue for frilly nightwear (8)
- 25 Trendy comedian, great success (4,2)
- 26 Spot in which abstract art is lacking quality? (8)
- 27 A US girl in Canada perhaps? (6)

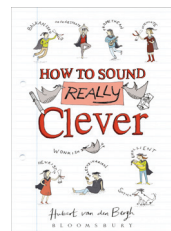
DOWN

- 1 Top stop? (8)
- 2 Light orange colour initially, at ten sun finally setting (8)
- 3 Dance that's proper for audition? (4)
- 5 Total drinks miscalculated in great pub (8,4)
- 6 Conservative supporter in creative thinker (5,5)
- 7 Entering ceasefire, Nicosia favouring peace (6)
- 8 Group of Americans after good supporter (6)
- 11 Dot claimed woozy – nothing in drink? (7,5)
- 14 Not funny, description of popped eyeball? (10)
- 16 Train champ to speak repeatedly? (4-4)
- 17 Cut off deal, so it fails (8)
- 19 Final word on charity book (6)
- 20 Sheep and bird conversing in the country (6)
- 23 Branch to ascend, not reaching the top (4)



Solution 15,933

Solution 15,922



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