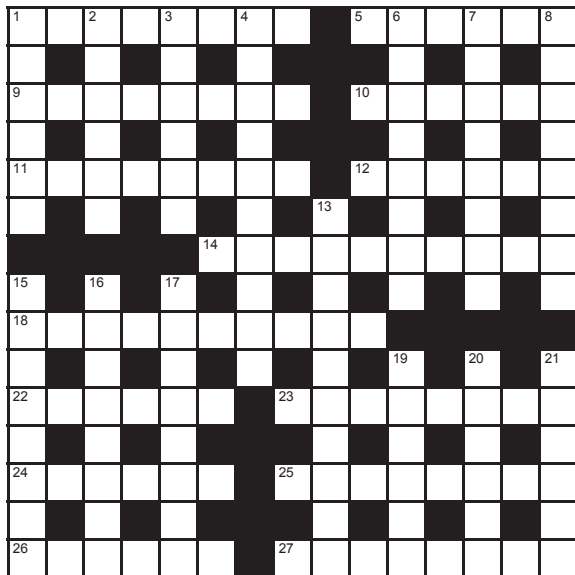


CROSSWORD

No. 15,742 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Too right I hold with Indian cooking! (8)
- 5 Almost everyone's entertained by a little opera (6)
- 9 Name wayward son seen making moonshine (8)
- 10 Rubbish heap overshadows centre of Stafford (6)
- 11 Spy English teacher fairly regularly (8)
- 12 Transfer rickety boxes of iron (6)
- 14 Rakes in close to fortune working with B-lister (10)
- 18 Bold American follows officer around these days (10)
- 22 Not the trendy group, for a start (6)
- 23 Close by hotel with no locks? (8)
- 24 New mark in test achieves standard (6)
- 25 A depression grabs the woman's admirer (8)
- 26 After long year missing, journalist is brought home (6)
- 27 A rare dog barking? Could be violence on the way (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Decorative stuff can retail with a pound off (6)
- 2 Sister company welcomes one messenger (6)
- 3 Everything bright, presumably, for City (6)

- 4 Measured pressure in wind instrument (10)
- 6 Liqueur drunk neat? I decline to go into that (8)
- 7 Gift from European band (8)
- 8 Stopping duty free endlessly turned to trouble (8)
- 13 Leave before breakfast and dash (3-2-3-2)
- 15 Charlie's enthralled by surgeon wiggling bum (8)
- 16 Primarily murmuring speaker? (8)
- 17 Cut price of delicate material? (8)
- 19 Devotee captures queen, leading to mate (6)
- 20 The man nearly advanced on a woman (6)
- 21 Fly east from France, returning twice (6)

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