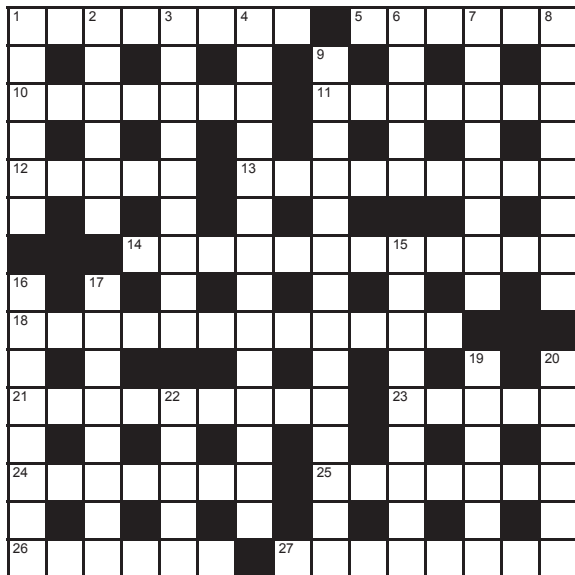


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,262 Set by PHSSTHPOK



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Notes intended to be threatening (8)
- 5 Internet trader's disaster takes on tragicomic extremes (3-3)
- 10 Crown, sceptre and grail are mysterious without king (7)
- 11 Sat, fell, was picked up (7)
- 12 Stitch secured in ligament (5)
- 13 Devotee of martial arts field is protected here (5,4)
- 14 Broadcast article with part of speech on cover (12)
- 18 Controversy because cereals deficient in arsenic are adulterated (5,7)
- 21 With extra power, mouse gets hot playing computer game (5-2-2)
- 23 Good loaf icing (5)
- 24 6 conceals irrational belief (7)
- 25 Is love dead in exile? (7)
- 26 Get tip of spikes, needles and points out (6)
- 27 Drip from a steeple (8)

### DOWN

- 1 You reportedly wore frock under this, reluctantly perhaps (6)
- 2 Rage for seizing lowdown butt (3,3)
- 3 Grant everybody that hurts a new church (9)
- 4 Clue for demons in seesaw (14)

- 6 Bulb is in use – electric current running (5)
- 7 Bore politician with scanned verse first (8)
- 8 Referee took time to ponder (8)
- 9 When unregulated, the market interferes with peer review (4,10)
- 15 Soldier replaced heron's tail with mouse innards – gross! (9)
- 16 Is cross dismembered with spades or shears? (8)
- 17 Hold up dress with diamonds (3,2,3)
- 19 Mat's goodbye note (6)
- 20 Collected baked noodles and egg starters (6)
- 22 Fancy slender king (5)

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