

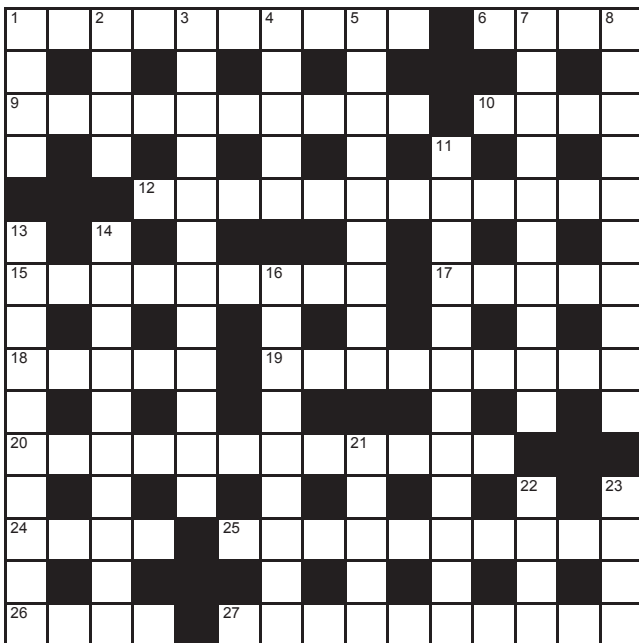
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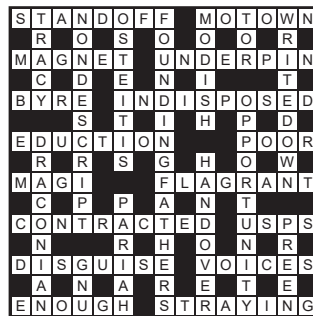
- 1 Plot the crime of a criminal? (10)
- 6 One's used to the cold drink, did you say? (4)
- 9 Accountant into fiddling ends with good figures (10)
- 10 Article: that thing takes me back (4)
- 12 One of five left, it stumbling in last (6,6)
- 15 First in river after summer (9)
- 17 Clergyman collected works (5)
- 18 Object reserved briefly (5)
- 19 Nation elected complete idiots in the end – perfect looking back? (9)
- 20 Exchange rate trimmed in transformation (12)
- 24 Eventually grasp stick (4)
- 25 Limited amount of material for cutting (10)
- 26 Noble island nation in midst of ordeal (4)
- 27 Flexible lead's caught – damn! (10)

DOWN

- 1 Mock a noted conclusion (4)
- 2 Bowels of volcano definitely swelling (4)
- 3 Animal Farm hierarchy, where pig reckoned to be barbaric dictator, ultimately (7,5)
- 4 Just one side (5)
- 5 Beaten subversive group's broken, wiped out (9)
- 7 Cause opposition to turn against one (10)
- 8 Beginning to panic, old queen bitten by vicious dog (10)
- 11 Low temperature in Iceland, so doubly shivery! (12)
- 13 Vice initially shown to be justified (10)
- 14 Shade on lamp tossed into scuttle (6,4)
- 16 Straps unlikely to be put in again (9)
- 21 This is pilfering! (5)
- 22 Some vivid imagination to lift skirt! (4)
- 23 Profits up, not one problem (4)



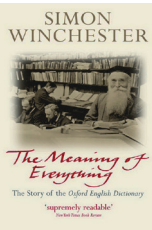
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