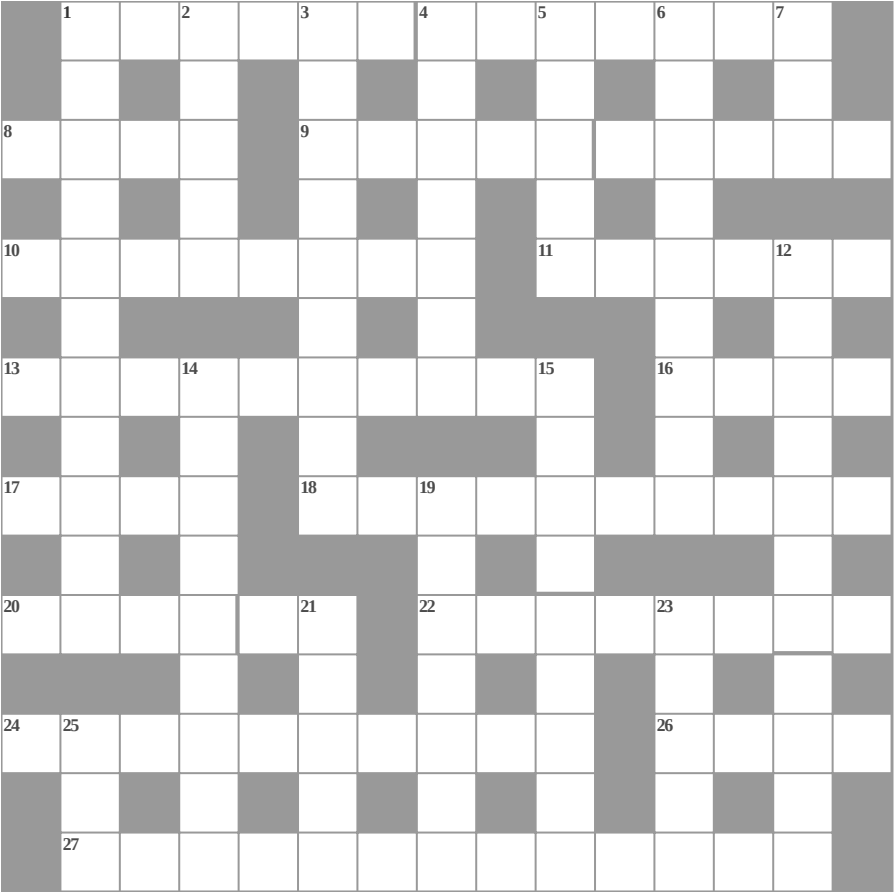


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ACROSS

- 1 Concern over another pair of cardinals splitting to go separate ways (6,7)
- 8 Disapproving of page limit (4)
- 9 Fans won't go far for this weight-watcher's cheese? (5,5)
- 10 Ripon excited about green cheese (8)
- 11 Jerk beginning to trouble charming woman (6)
- 13 Rough nature of cold bitter's characteristic? (10)
- 16 First-class artist's returning strain (4)
- 17 Drill donkey endlessly (4)
- 18 Top arrangement of security devices following anxiety (10)
- 20 Charge in bar reversed increase (4,2)
- 22 Ruddy copper interrupting rugby tie (8)
- 24 I left this out, cutting long material, characteristically? (10)
- 26 Bird again on island (4)
- 27 Wild black British Airedale dog not staying around? (13)

DOWN

- 1 Cut accommodation for hotel employees? (11)
- 2 One who loves Capital Ring (5)
- 3 Void I plug up in high dune (9)
- 4 Work's left two duplicates low perhaps (7)
- 5 Compulsory payment initially made under lower court (5)
- 6 Rocky Marciano imbibing energy drink (9)
- 7 Hooligan having my backing? (3)
- 12 What borders run with annoyance south of Orpington? (7,4)
- 14 Perhaps shares part of spoil of trophies brought back (9)
- 15 Thus expert studied baker's product (4,5)
- 19 Former noble that is supported by king (7)
- 21 I'm avoiding insurmountable difficulty on the way out (5)
- 23 Go up first to Conservative member (5)
- 25 Goblin took a bite out of Frodo? (3)