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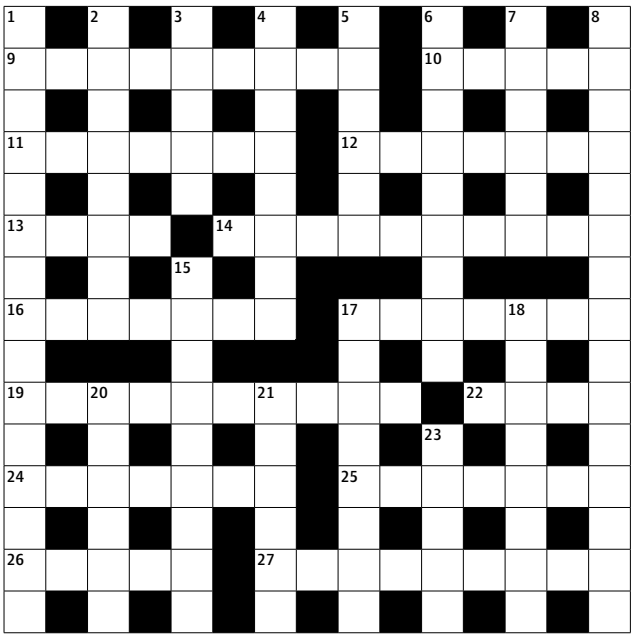

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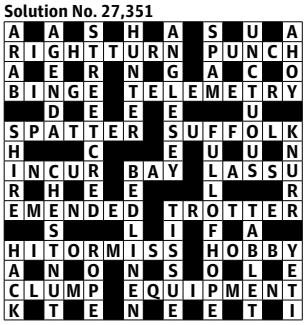
Across

9 Parasite was a parliamentary leader, said Spooner? (4,5)
10 Minister detailed one side of the story? (5)
11 Trouble brewing at first, plant in a stew perhaps? (7)
12 Point covered by this or otherwise, to be concise (2,5)
13 Season as seasona, it's reported? (4)
14 Poor character recalled in rogue (10)
16 Trying jerks in family – something positive about it? (7)
17,7 Where one may be taught a lesson with ice down jockstrap, might you say? (7,6)
19 Plaything Aladdin, perhaps, has to avoid (6,4)
22,15 Film Keith clued cryptically? (4,4,2,3)
24 Whitish gallery hasn't a range of colours (7)
25 Model I love in performance (7)
26 Muse of Homer, a touch inspiring? (5)
27 Impressive responsibility of the police (9)

Down

1 It became apparent, then it became a mother or a father? (3,5,7)
2 Pub's opening, soon to host the nation's heroes (8)
3 See 23
4 Awkward adding jewels to one's booty (8)
5 Losing seat (6)
6 Padding delicate area, knotted rags – ribbed fabric (9)
7 See 17 across
8 In money, pound taken to entertain maiden fair? Absolutely not! (4,4,2,5)
15 See 22
17 Best honours, we hear, for Spanish fighters (8)
18 Perfumed lorry carrying odorous muck around, initially (8)
20 Note in plain song (6)
21 Track player, runner and winger (6)
23,3 Swimming fish, or else biting insects (10)

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