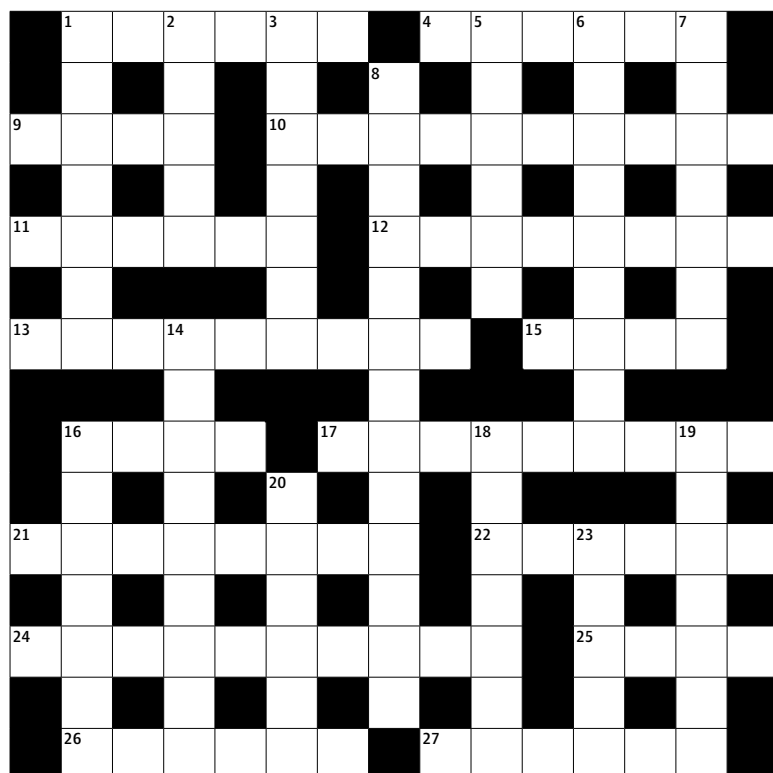


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Across

- 1/11** Age of creature coming to light, while nursing bum steer, she was given the 9, 25, 16 across, 21, roughly speaking? (6,6)
4 Last of gateau covered in j-jelly one's spotted (6)
9 Be familiar with negative sounds (4)
10 Favourite musical's back, that man inspired by passage in Hamilton, say? (10)
11 See 1
12 Hard feeding budgie, say, that might grip you? (8)
13 Howl, howler: howl after undressing what might be dressed? (3,6)
15 Backbone, something to do with teeth (4)
16 Vegetables, pepper not e'er mentioned? (4)
17 Their woes woeful then (9)
21 Ambush America after revolution with Republican force (8)
22 See 25
24 School bags including black carrier (4-6)
25/22 Composer, be reasonable about workshop technique (4,6)

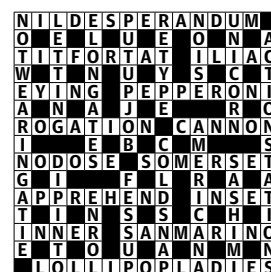
26 Use my pole that's slippery (6)

27 Rare issue more than likely? (4-2)

Down

- 1** Being with interminable wait, he was given the 9, 25, 16 across, 21, roughly speaking? (7)
2 Old Scottish striker from Dundee's watched leaping up (5)
3 One boring blueprint binned? Sketch out (7)
5 Sitting on a pig, difficult at first (6)
6 Diabolical war of words, now with hourly breaks (6,3)
7 With first of gates locked up, enter a different compound (7)
8 Advanced, say, generally with courage (5-2-3-3)
14 Dressed warmly, put to bed (7,2)
16 Fruit grow up - and down? (7)
18 Pushed when broke ultimately, pound in arrears (7)
19 Loaf pinched, morsel of loaf eaten (7)
20 Maiden has caged a witch (6)
23 Problem getting on with greyhound, say (5)

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