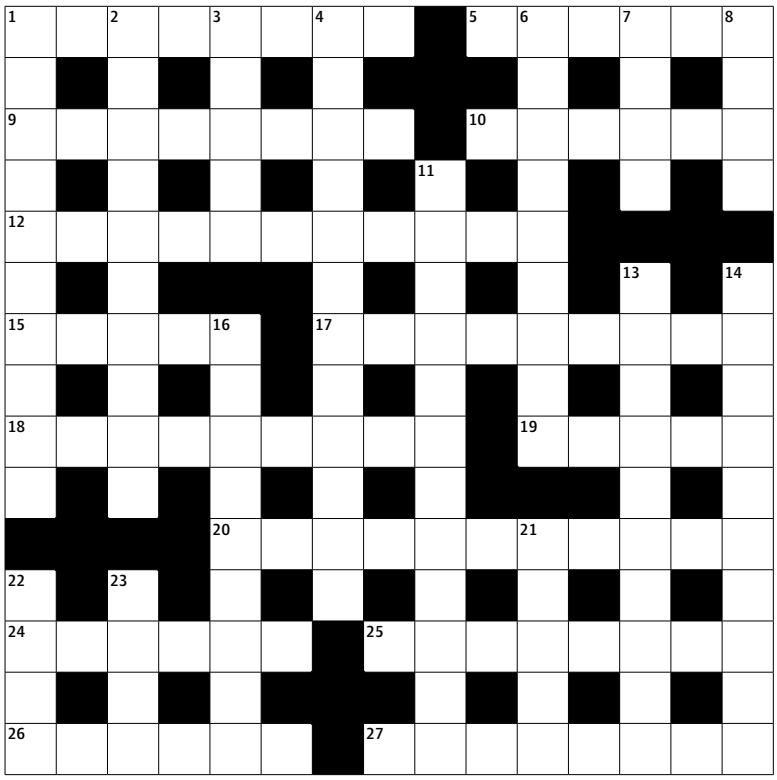
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Across

1 Spies admitting author's missing the first tests (8)
5/10 Country dictator's honoured after Posh and principally Scary Spice's gallery opening (6,6)
9 See drain broken facing the kerb (8)
10 See 5
12 Bats get in palace restaurant perhaps (6,5)
15 Book Christmas drinks - vodka at the start (5)
17 One with no issue is invalid sitting next to one short diver (9)
18 Old are with mother, describing operation where hangings occur (3,6)
19 Chart Viagra Pharmaceuticals supplies (5)
20 Month with City helping to make announcement (11)
24 Avoided crazy duel with journalist (6)
25 Possessions: last of batteries including that is ... (8)
26 ... 11 ones easy to charge (6)
27 Their ten bananas or bakers' 12 (8)

Down

1 See 22
2 To stop from working during start of play, 5 brew tea (10)
3 Directions for European city (5)
4 Trendy state with former vice-president accepting objective is home rule (12)
6 Smashing knight, as bachelor, is having a chat (9)
7 Babies' fingers (4)
8 Depressed about Charles the Second ruin (4)
11 Bloody selfish Officer Commanding hospital seen in ancient Scottish settlement (12)
13 Cool, a jerk I almost recognise gets to become obsessive (10)
14 Seize and confirm (3,5,2)
16 Lamela discontented with strip's cleaner (9)
21 Fling mail that's not readable on the front (5)
22/23/1 Quiet men in line can initially start getting excited for significant anniversary (18)

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