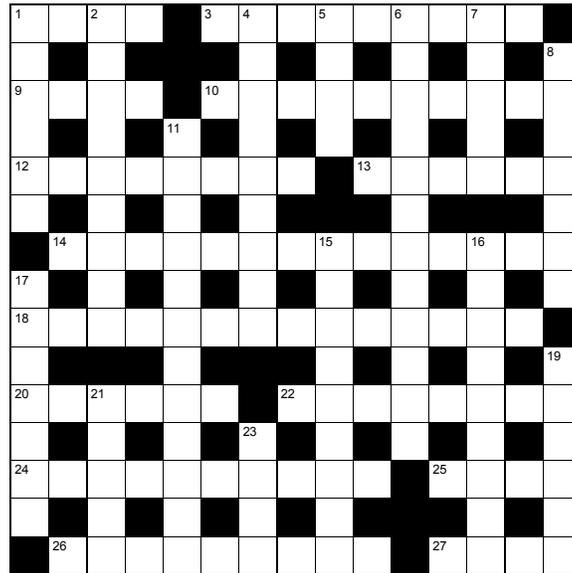


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ACROSS

- 1 Adorn the platform (4)
- 3 Diana's touring severe regions (9)
- 9 Kelvin abandons fortunate girl (4)
- 10 Best end of lamb with inedible coating (10)
- 12 Non-professionals in area must struggle (8)
- 13 Alternatively, agreement could be a nightmare (6)
- 14 Cobra contorts flexibly around one different snake (3-11)
- 18 How a British comedy drama is presented? (14)
- 20 Without hesitation train for duty (6)
- 22 Prosperous, with source of oil on the agenda (4-2-2)
- 24 Egalitarian comic rated badly (10)
- 25 Collection of myths is somewhat dated, darling (4)
- 26 California is not so perfect! (9)
- 27 Cart needs to reverse three feet (4)

DOWN

- 1 Daughter is on a roll, changing currency (6)
- 2 Dead chuffed to give bird a ring (4-1-4)
- 4 Not knowing or caring, one messed up (9)
- 5 Supports for flower (4)
- 6 I'm in eternal bother, chiefly – put another way it's endless (12)
- 7 Submit story about bishop (5)
- 8 Cleared off to make a statement (7)
- 11 Artistic style, one wrongly associated with Mozart's type of music (12)
- 15 Attempts to go round posh French island, a feature of Paris (9)
- 16 Unreasonable request by Watutsi monks? (4,5)
- 17 A tiresome chore, removing Ned's cigarette butts (3,4)
- 19 Italian meets unknown gypsy (6)
- 21 Butterfly makes mark on the page (5)
- 23 Listen to man in armour (4)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 deck. 3 districts. 9 Lucy. 10 unbeatable. 12 amateurs. 13 ordeal. 14 boa-constrictor. 18 alphabetically. 20 excise. 22 well-to-do. 24 democratic. 25 Edda. 26 faultless. 27 dray.

DOWN

1 dollar. 2 cock-a-hoop. 4 ignorance. 5 tees. 6 interminable. 7 table. 8 declare. 11 neoclassical. 15 Tuileries.
16 tall order. 17 fag-ends. 19 Romany. 21 comma. 23 mail.