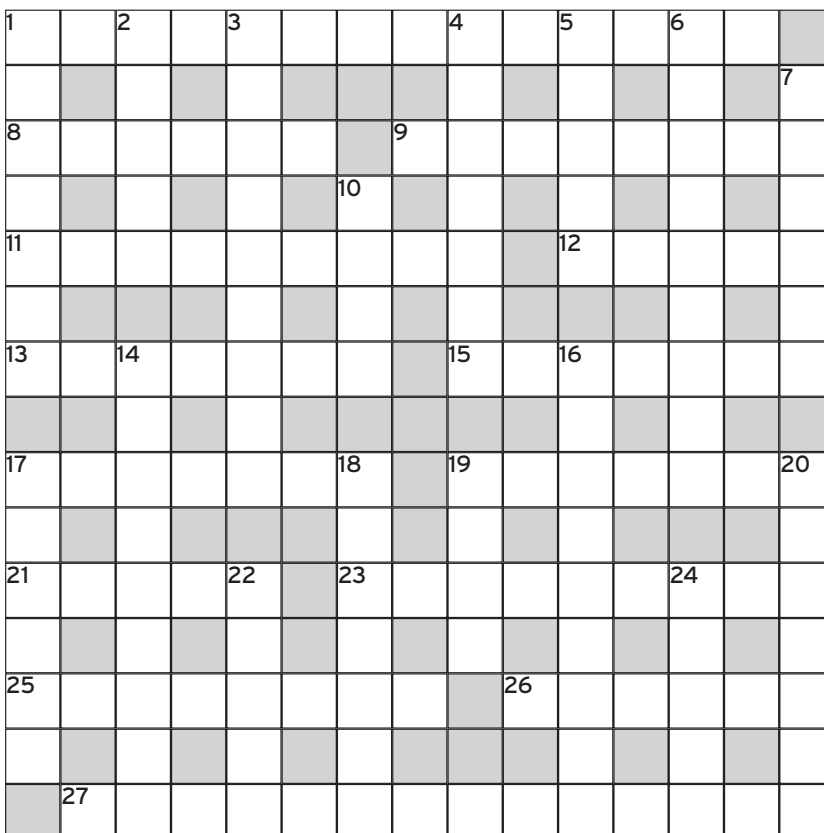


Across

- 1 A necessary ingredient for ensuring that a product lives up to expectations (7,7)
- 8 In Dabolim pedestrians may obstruct progress (6)
- 9 Device for spraying a cat is about to be returned (8)
- 11 Sensational object found around a brook (9)
- 12 A game of skill in extremes of darkness (5)
- 13 Lewdness of a conservative husband in suspicious garb (7)
- 15 A bunch of flowers, say, gone rotten (7)
- 17 The nervous excitement of a modest bet (7)
- 19 A monster numbered by a bone inside (7)
- 21 What the lawyer may do, beginning to rant in fever (5)
- 23 Spanish spectacle usually fatal for a participant (9)
- 25 Rusted IT components found in debris (8)
- 26 Oddly, alien student is of unbroken descent (6)
- 27 A personal stake in the event makes test drive tense, unexpectedly (6,8)



Down

- 1 A squint, although slight, carries weight (7)
- 2 How to buy stock without paying a premium (2,3)
- 3 At home, reportedly lacking interest, chap is easy-going (9)
- 4 Figure of officer, reserve force, with medal, docked (7)
- 5 Looking back, way of holding stock has been made tractable (5)
- 6 Hormone needed by a sore gent distracted with love (9)
- 7 Playful, hollow Faraday accepted danger (6)
- 10 "A __ beyond all telling, is hid in the heart of love" (Yeats) (4)
- 14 A vegetable to cure, e.g. onset of tetanus, surprisingly (9)
- 16 What the "best before" date shows (5,4)
- 17 Deceptions by German woman and daughters (6)
- 18 Religious education, restricted, can spring back (7)
- 19 Disposal of beer following hint of surplus (4)
- 20 French sailor, leader of men, consumed a great deal (7)
- 22 Live as a former champion (5)
- 24 Aquatic bird in a Zagreb eyrie (5)

Solution to puzzle 9390

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