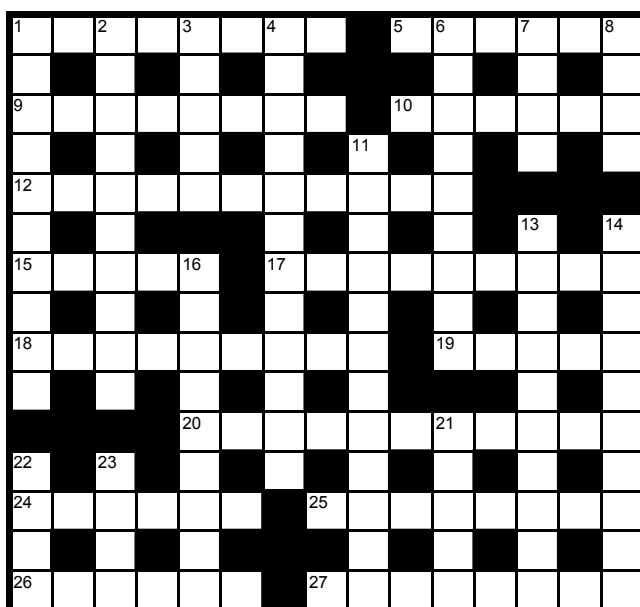


Crossword No. 1, set by Lemminkäinen



Across

- 1 Seen what destroyed bandage? (8)
- 5 Razor-toothed zealot and wizard of Earthsea... (6)
- 9 ...shouted a seasonal greeting: fifty-fifty to the Queen and the reporter (8)
- 10 Sceptics rebuke "big apple behind the beginnings of science" (6)
- 12 Relentless pursuers have the toilet and Lawrence within limits (11)
- 15 Time we got a signature tune! (5)
- 17 The bulk of French paper has a thick coating that makes a sugary dessert (5,4)
- 18 Ridiculous not to notice that man hiding right where you are (2,3,4)
- 19 Accountant has forked tongue? (5)
- 20 Rumours of erratic wish for games with hoops (11)
- 24 French, with Latin replaced by exciting snippet of Irish! (6)

- 25 After Trevor is sent down, England supporter finds a backbone (8)
- 26 I'm inside, alone, after Earl goes back for girl (6)
- 27 Sinful fellows on the first floor below ground (8)

Down

- 1 Former greeting cut into one on display (10)
- 2 House and title collapsed into shadow (10)
- 3 Mother returned to finish a repair (5)
- 4 Egyptian symbol of greeting broke cipher concerning end of a googly (12)
- 6 Vacuum a dolphin in ancient Ethiopia (9)
- 7 Sad song heard rising from the crossword? (4)
- 8 Injured stud might bite this? (4)
- 11 Imitation of hazy moon above: four out of five (12)
- 13 Lesson without Professor will have to do (10)
- 14 Push down a worker: with alcohol, for instance (10)
- 16 The Spanish actress is after director Harris for a song in "The Sound of Music" (9)
- 21 Quit, with no right to hitch up again (5)
- 22 Monster reverses thus (4)
- 23 Not even one Oriental rook in two-thirds of the menagerie (4)