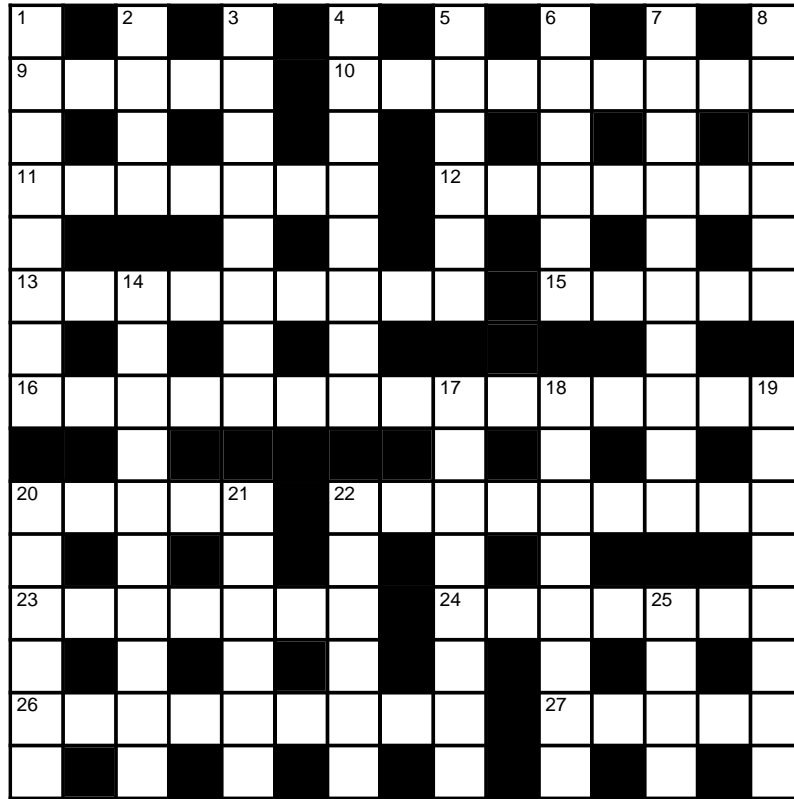


Sacked!



Across

- 9** At last skinned without exception (2,3)
10 16 Part 1, like Sunderland (9)
11 16 Part 1 is sheik - an abomination (7)
12 Spooner's score with Whishaw is where to trap studs (7)
13 16 Part 1, famous clown holding hophead departed (9)
15 Hear little 13's as tight as possible (5)
16 Noel's hilarity at 10,11,13,20,24,26, or 27 (7,8)
20 Cartoonist lost his last 16 Part 1 (5)
22 Forces sweethearts to fit wider bras (3-6)
23 Assign value to lay eggs (7)
24 16 Part 1 through rage (7)
26 Gent gets kit off, mostly aroused by 16 Pt 1 (4,5)
27 Loesser women have 16 Pt 1s (5)

Down

- 1** Drink on the head (8)
2 French for aurora (4)

- 3** A-levels in *Oresteia* cover scene of tragedy (8)
4 Exposes fair cheat (8)
5 Making people salivate, I bleed horribly (6)
6 Funny romp outrages London's intellectual circles starting play (6)
7 Cheered by the ocean, though inveterate (4-6)
8 Honest-sounding composer (6)
14 Noted comedy works with nude leading actor (5,5)
17 14 Part 1 with tin drill is poison (8)
18 Get Durer to draw woman of 3 (8)
19 Relax - playful teases detained by rocky outcrops (4,4)
20 Cake smell in Kent (6)
21 Obligation to make sense at the start in conversation (6)
22 Ruins noise of rabbit (6)
25 On the way back, tail gunner seizes fruit (4)