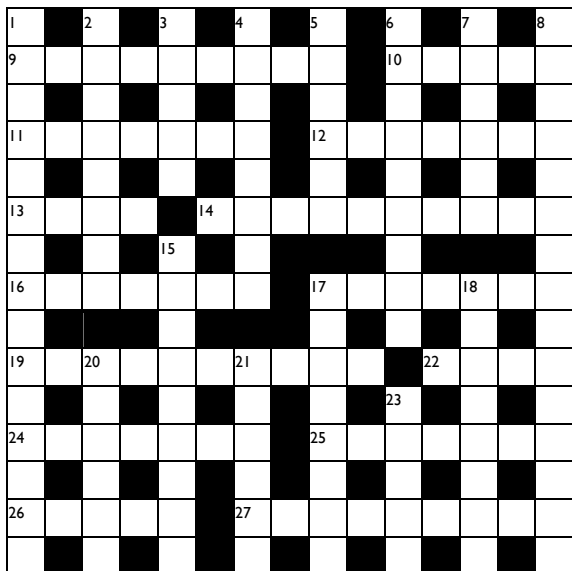


# COMPETITION CROSSWORD



*QUETZALCOATL*

**Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.**

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*Eight of these solutions share a common theme and so are not further defined.*

## Across

- 9.** Oriental vegetable fraud in *Bake Off*. France quits! (5,4)  
**10.** Embryonic, vermin-free development (5)  
**11.** US actor/bass, dressed for court? (7)  
**12.** Roll true grasping nodule unevenly (7)  
**13.** Israel's 160 rods (4)  
**14.** Donkey or men in a race mixture (10)  
**16.** Style topped up and run on as beetle's wing protector (7)  
**17.** Undoubtedly responsible for the shooting of Dan McGrew! (7)  
**19.** Insurer's alarm signal train (bullet line) (6,4)  
**22.** Leo's young Welsh sibling, Dannie (4)  
**24.** Andrew is left in wonder (7)  
**25.** Saucy chocolate boulder? No, just a naked borer! (4,3)  
**26.** Said to be complete (5)  
**27.** Cool genie conjures up ancient era (9)

## Down

- 1.** The 18c satirical take on matrimony in the National Gallery's 'strip cartoon' (8,1,2,4)  
**2.** Clumsily at sea, bull and byre chaos! (8)  
**3,17.** Op 123, first performed in 1824 at St. Petersburg (5,8)  
**4.** Noble chronicler of valiant charge (8)  
**5.** Vivid orange of Manx cats stop hearts (6)  
**6.** RSM's command re performers? (5-4)  
**7.** Restraint of newlywed taking direction (6)  
**8.** Poorly disposed as Radio 4 lists news (5,3,7)  
**15.** Nell Gwyn's male rivals? No, Billy's boys! (9)  
**17.** see 3  
**18.** Paid to see emu birds go free (8)  
**20.** Polymath, incorrectly assumed by urban myth to have inspired Apple's logo (6)  
**21.** Children's cautioner (6)  
**23.** We'll hit out evenly (5)