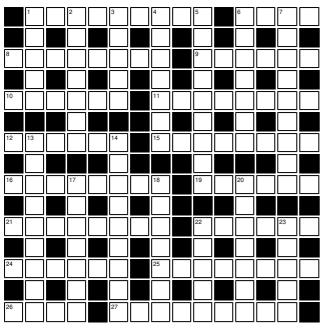
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ACROSS

- 1. 23dn madly out-ran nag (9)
- 6. Commanded naughty note (4)

8. Spirit lives in Paris with corrupt laity.(8)

- 9. Toff in scary attempt at 16ac (6)
- 10. See, exist, and retain (6)
- 11. Non-believers cook chooks (8)

12. Aiding muddled flute beginners' hope? (2,4)

15. P.C. Mounds stirred surface of stagnant pool (4,4)

16. 1ac, 20, 22dn, 23, for instance, eat surrounded by fruit (5,3)

19. Sorrow in taking a bird (6)

21. Chat time about this crossword, for example (8)

22. Agitatedly chirp with ecstasy on edges of font (6)

24. Perhaps you and I are 16acs? (6)

25. Practice taking gin and dill cocktail(8)

26. Exist today, perhaps on string? (4)

27. Torture quiet adaptors when confused (9)

DOWN

- 1. Love to be eating this? (5)
- 2. Crazy lean boa has ear shell (7)

3. Society beguiled lost worker (5)

4. Dolls dance here? (7)

5. Head trainer has no model, and no need to think (2,7)

6. Hur and Guevaro sat at first here (7)

7. IOU is in false tooth (9)

13. Her famous messy dwelling in the country (9)

14. Spectres, stick insects I'd dropped with ants (9)

17. Reduced military musical group --- or worn by them perhaps? (7)

18. One who uses ciphers is embarrassed once --- red? (7)

20. Sick in the ancient marketplace, lost head for 16ac (7)

22. Short 16ac letter to representative

(5)

23. Smell nothing of 1ac (5)