

## December 2017 Slot 2 by Murphyslore

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| <p><b>1</b> Realistic if elk lie awkwardly (8)</p> <p><b>5</b> Composer holding the French cleaning agent (6)</p> <p><b>9</b> Church not involved in criminal franchises but has a font (8)</p> <p><b>10</b> Fights for left-overs (6)</p> <p><b>12</b> Consumed in the tea tent (5)</p> <p><b>13</b> Sounds like a regular occurrence you took in to get used to it (9)</p> <p><b>14</b> Good advice from the Roman Chamber of Commerce? (6,6)</p> <p><b>18</b> Inappropriate aural conduct from a mythical noble (5,7)</p> <p><b>21</b> Power over misguided northern comedian (9)</p> <p><b>23</b> Former partner follows leading international news directors' list (5)</p> <p><b>24</b> Put up with finish you heard about (6)</p> <p><b>25</b> Appropriate C sharp, for example. Pay attention! (4,4)</p> <p><b>26</b> It returned, passed on and cleaned up (6)</p> <p><b>27</b> Extremely docile men Edward followed, afflicted with a mental illness (8)</p> | <p><b>3</b> Falsehood in Western Australia - it could precede an ambush (3,2,4)</p> <p><b>4</b> Glory-seeker of yesteryear has one thousand endless nights before Her Majesty rants without first scowling (6,6)</p> <p><b>6</b> Fifty-one comes before one hundred - it is legal (5)</p> <p><b>7</b> Current art in beverage means a separate price for every dish (1,2,5)</p> <p><b>8</b> Accommodation for disturbed holy rest (8)</p> <p><b>11</b> Stumbling block in front of an ethnic group leads to a challenging competition (8,4)</p> <p><b>15</b> Pill I'm bringing back to the original Ethiopian Dung Eater insect (9)</p> <p><b>16</b> Ultimate trial of litmus paper? (4,4)</p> <p><b>17</b> Not in fashion, end of end, obsolete! (8)</p> <p><b>19</b> These days the French king has time to be skilful (6)</p> <p><b>20</b> Lengthen time to finish after king loses his head (6)</p> <p><b>22</b> Scandinavian Ron going North, then South East (5)</p> |
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### Down

- 1** Leant over to one side and led, holding first place (6)
- 2** Can be counted when confused feminist is missing her title (6)