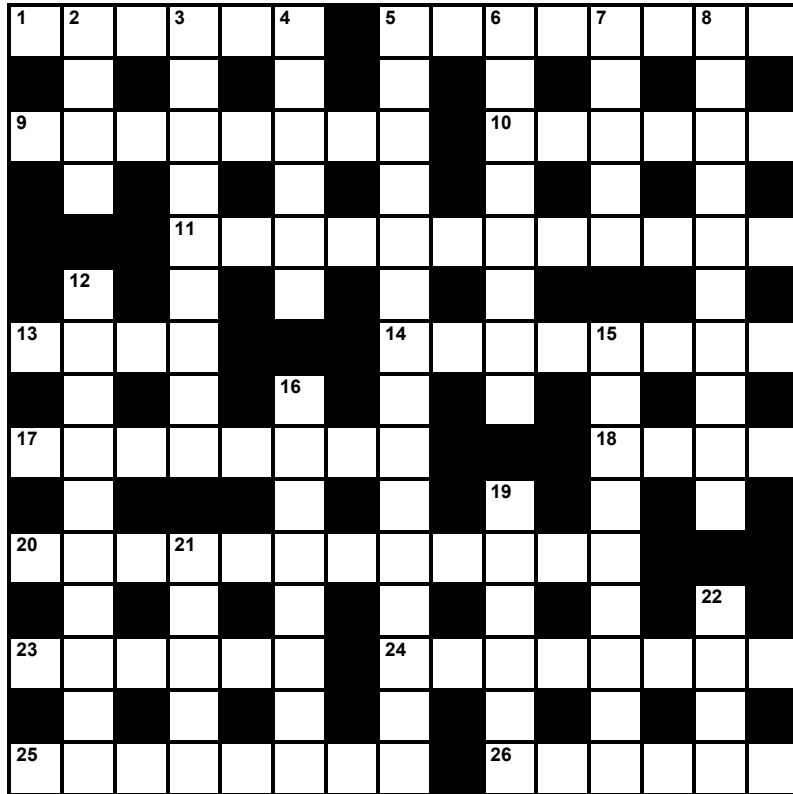


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Across

- 1** Crime writer put off about 10 (6)
- 5** Ecumenical leader works hard, against being put to the fore in places where clergymen can be found (8)
- 9** Bird maybe Jack takes home to Alabama (8)
- 10** Given complete makeover, formal dress returns in the navy (6)
- 11** Country correct to grab newt with both hands (4,3,5)
- 13** Song of antidisestablishmentarianism (4)
- 14** Emperor gets university

- to replace rector for making too much noise (8)
- 17** Something to keep quiet because monarch let the French in (8)
- 18** Courier transport with with a replacement for current cook (4)
- 20** Something to write on *The Independent's* fight? (5,2,5)
- 23** Old coffee sent back by Northern Indian (6)
- 24** What won't react to vigorous tasering (5,3)
- 25** Heartbroken number intimidate (8)

- 26** Murderess finally begs for flower arrangements (6)

Down

- 2** Balls in the morning a Dutch treat (4)
- 3** Disaster at lid? (5,4)
- 4** Neckwear new and old in final shootout (6)
- 5** Van and loco disaster? (7,8)
- 6** Simon Hughes starts getting more embarrassed by office equipment (8)
- 7** Glib bartender holds up teacher (5)
- 8** Disaster hater? (10)
- 12** Disaster in tar? (5,5)

- 15** Blake's ship breaks out of real orbit (9)

- 16** How to remove flesh from one sent on a bear hunt by Spooner (5,3)
- 19** On behalf of the Queen, invades America to get amphetamines (6)
- 21** Shock partner sometimes, swallowing second and third barrels remaining conscious (5)
- 22** Confusing maps in Alchemi's possession (4)