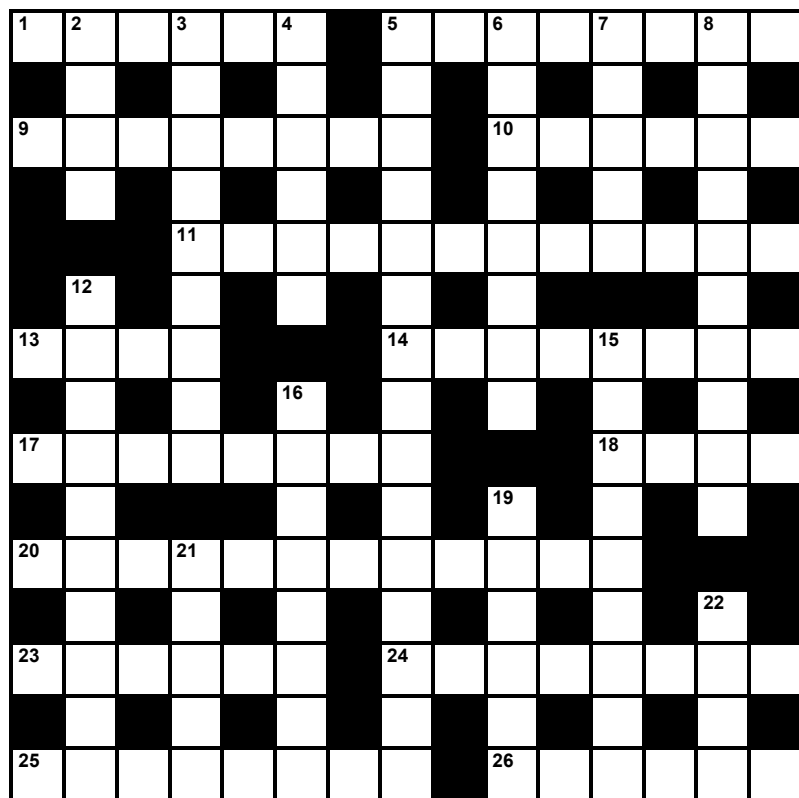


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Across

1 Fruit extracts Jamie uses in creating exquisite soups for starters (6)

5 Debtor left flowers - do come back inside to see these exotic plants (8)

9 Thor loses his head and calls back rider (8)

10 Examine Jenny? (6)

11 Mrs Swan takes in any Slav having difficulties in the US (12)

13 Fruit found during Helsinki winter (4)

14 Former Pope distributed notice around half of Bonn (8)

17 Direction of series about central Greece (8)

18 Sent all over the place to find cricket practice facilities (4)

20 Diagram showing internal structure of stand for angry fans? (5,7)

23 After 11 a hound comes back to Chinese temple (6)

24 Defeat when balls arrive (8)

25 Game is penalised in another (8)

26 Pickle found in barrel is home-made (6)

Down

2 Being au fait, raising lack of plutonium (2,2)

3 Incompetent secret police lose eel, giving no profit to seller (4,5)

4 Cowell says why church offices get sold (6)

5 Where to learn social graces at end of term (9,6)

6 Relaying trouble for novice racehorse (8)

7 Feral rats surround a believer in Haile Selassie (5)

8 11 shocked at noises, having strong emotions (10)

12 6 damaged Croatian

pieces from the 19th century (10)

15 Tossing coin into watercourse in accordance with church law (9)

16 Casting Hanks as the lead in *Iolanthe*? Capital! (8)

19 Body of 6 mutilated - or straightened out (6)

21 Hairnet soon slips - a hint of dandruff! (5)

22 Birds eat up without trickery (4)