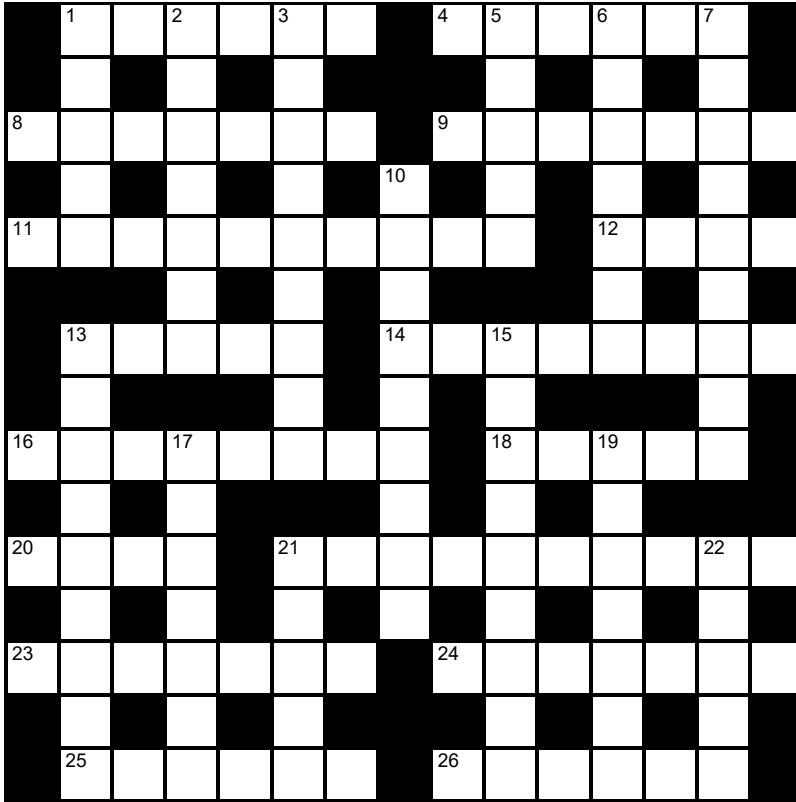


# CROSSWORD

No 17,258 Set by ROSA KLEBB



## ACROSS

- 1 Physicist Kelvin pursuing second alternative strategy? (6)
- 4 Fearful individual shunning rickety sidecar (6)
- 8 Grubby relative starts to annoy neighbours (7)
- 9 Officer spoils Will's young prince (7)
- 11 Spooner's spread manure up the wall (10)
- 12 Hang around back of local with lout (4)
- 13 Bear heard stalking shy rodent (5)
- 14 Cut crustless crispbread crookedly (5,3)
- 16 Bloke married in record time: it doesn't last long (8)
- 18 Wise person follows universal custom (5)
- 20 Exhausted girl leaves tropical forest for a month (4)
- 21 Fostering of one youngster welcomed by people (10)
- 23 Film director missing in Italian port (7)
- 24 College dons not working for department (7)
- 25 Old theocrat regularly suppressed press (6)
- 26 Comparatively communist, whether viewed from left or right (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Christmas entertainment long over (5)
- 2 Chap lent you trousers galore (7)
- 3 Each tune's special for singer (9)
- 5 Oddball fled wearing cassock inside out (5)
- 6 Firmness of purpose about what you do (7)
- 7 Rewriting mad satire ready for stage (9)
- 10 Uses panic indiscriminately to get power (9)
- 13 Boy endlessly packing broken teacups in a case (9)
- 15 Trace silly sod in A&E (9)
- 17 European trees rot (7)
- 19 Initially censored, was it bound to shock? (9)
- 21 Bury is not merry, oddly (5)
- 22 Weaselly individual turned up in secret today (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,257



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