

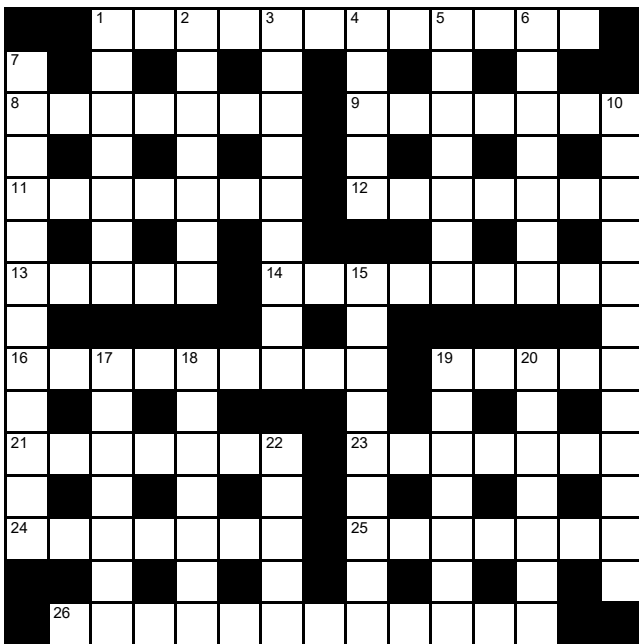
Crossword 17,262 Set by ARTEXLEN

ACROSS

- 1 Nan and niece leaving church splitting bishop's liqueur (5,7)
- 8 Fruit an ogre's pulped (7)
- 9 Really current books and old book (2,5)
- 11 Famous aristo hiding at back (7)
- 12 Good six-footer comprising everything heroic (7)
- 13 Revolutionary songs about unknown land (5)
- 14 Aboard vessel, note husband's prominent facial features (9)
- 16 Female supporter at person's broadcast (9)
- 19 Important horse not well, we're told (5)
- 21 Moment over for reorganisation (5-2)
- 23 A round's beginning with opponent's entry (7)
- 24 Former leader and the old soldier fall from grace (7)
- 25 Settle one negative in defeat (4,3)
- 26 Asian snack reflected new twist — great thing! (5,7)

DOWN

- 1 Chase farm animal biting fine queen (2,5)
- 2 Symbolic system a garble when misrepresented (7)
- 3 Pretend dive heartless, involving Argentine player overturned on ball oddly (9)
- 4 Getting on part of crag in gorge (5)
- 5 Spill the beans about alien's short message (7)
- 6 Mimic native Australian beast and others climbing (7)
- 7 Cereal is first of products in fast food item (7,5)
- 10 Moving to coach with hotel drink (3,9)
- 15 Fellow player mostly sour, from south country (5,4)
- 17 Preview something that's drawn (7)
- 18 Supervised deliveries put on cutter (7)
- 19 Not completely set in ground, trim plant (7)
- 20 Rescuer of various bats (7)
- 22 Face: I see pronounced terror (5)



Solution 17,256



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