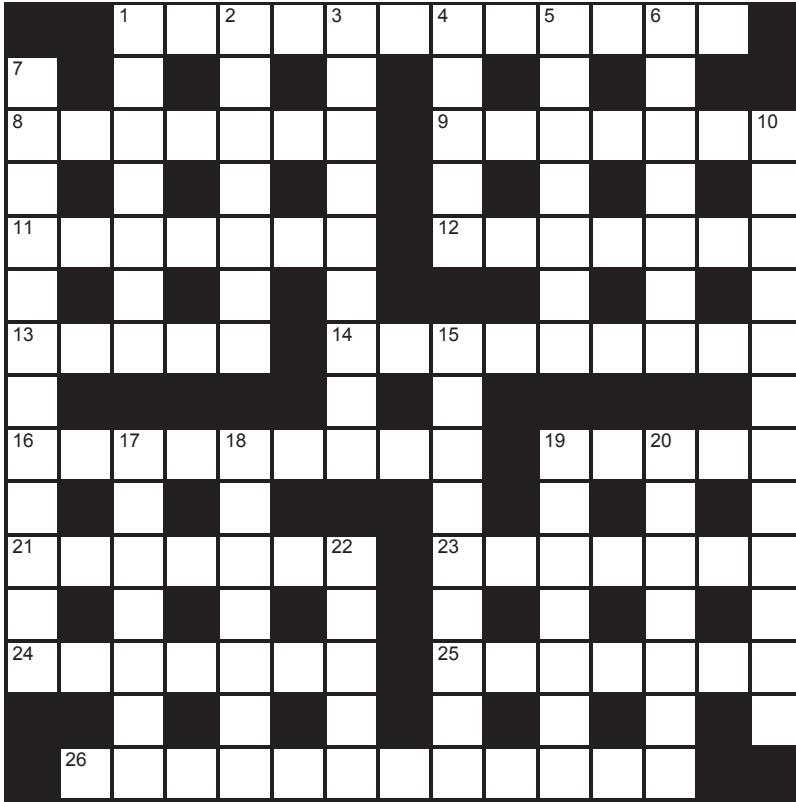


CROSSWORD

No 16,778 Set by NEO



ACROSS

- 1 Lord's guard hit hard with chair support (6-3-3)
- 8 Passenger vehicle's bumper (7)
- 9, 3 Star student class involved in massacre (7,4,5)
- 11 Holy book for cardinals? (7)
- 12 Degraded silt that chokes the plant (7)
- 13 Scrapes cavities (5)
- 14 Car diagram shows what fan may require (9)
- 16 Murderous house police to probe encrypted mail (9)
- 19 Support holding piano for this player (5)
- 21 Dicky ate nuts getting lockjaw (7)
- 23 Weight-lifters' stretches keeping you back (7)
- 24 Ambassador leads a consortium in enquiry (7)
- 25 Oriental art fiddle old Parisian chum conceals (7)
- 26 Go out to lunch as an office? (12)

DOWN

- 1 Token note the French sent north (7)
- 2 Dilettantes chucking out 50 ink-pads (7)
- 3 See 9
- 4 Late start for lucky creature in prestigious meeting (5)
- 5 Shattering some old ash in grove (7)
- 6 Greek girl drops ecstasy in claret when sloshed (7)
- 7 This is said to be the precursor of a swallow (4,3,5)
- 10 Woman perished at sea having eaten soft food (9,3)
- 15 Dog or elephant worker leaving in temper (9)
- 17 Gas will give shivering men heat (7)
- 18 Two containers on a Spanish saloon bar (7)
- 19 Old songwriter exiles son, one given lines to read (7)
- 20 Cleric fills bucket to prove superior (7)
- 22 View the place we're told (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,777

