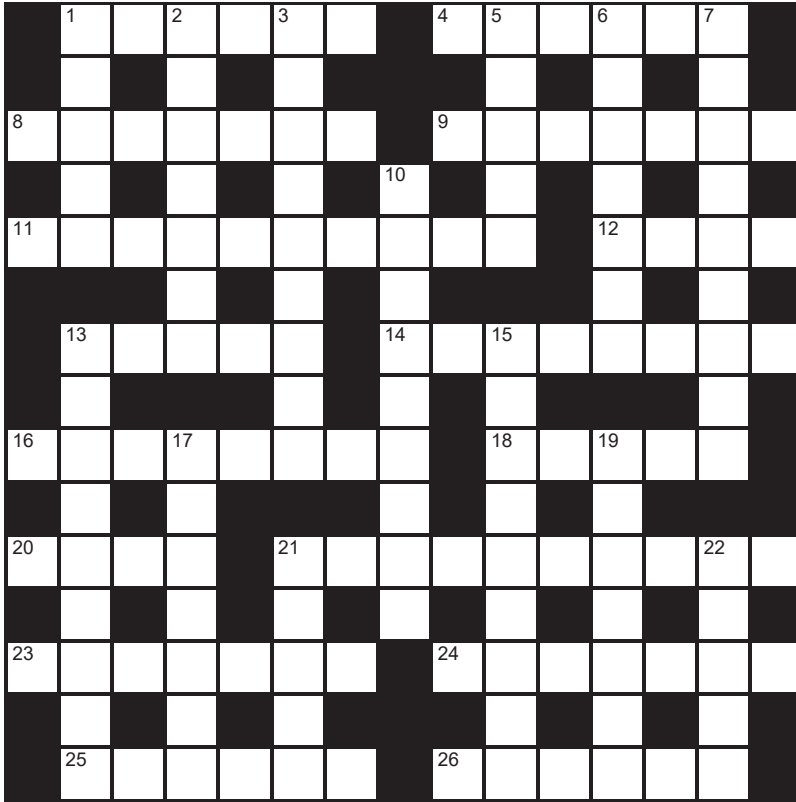


CROSSWORD

No 17,016 Set by GOLIATH



ACROSS

- 1, 4** Few gathering in order to express disapproval (3,3,6)
- 8** St Augustine's first and main problem is staying power (7)
- 9** Young lady, I have a letter (7)
- 11** Idea for weather-beaten underwear (10)
- 12** Napoleon's declaration? (4)
- 13, 14** Carry out a pneumonectomy and relax (4,1,8)
- 16** Subject to contract initially, you're trained to show politeness (8)
- 18** Where you might keep money, say (5)
- 20** Pass out seeing these scary creatures (4)
- 21** Mae² perhaps in disguise (10)
- 23** Bob may be storing dry fabric finally in shed (7)
- 24** One not currently working as a footballer (7)
- 25** Hold up basket (6)
- 26** Weapon permit to get a jewellery item (6)

DOWN

- 1** From Glasgow, a terrible drink (5)
- 2** Device used by poor mimic in Greek on vacation (7)
- 3** Gives fish as a friendly gesture (9)
- 5** Find big room oddly abandoned in a manner of speaking (5)
- 6** Leave don somewhere in Hampshire (7)
- 7** Somehow ignore topless bevy? Not with this! (6,3)
- 10** Masculine nonsense about my bioengineering (9)
- 13** Prime minister individually follows most of Chinese religion (9)
- 15** European banks bar meeting (9)
- 17** Platform for remarkable sort in spirit (7)
- 19** My face is agreeable (7)
- 21** Colour that needs treating before it can become argumentative (5)
- 22** Was a resident that's out of the world in Berlin (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,015

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