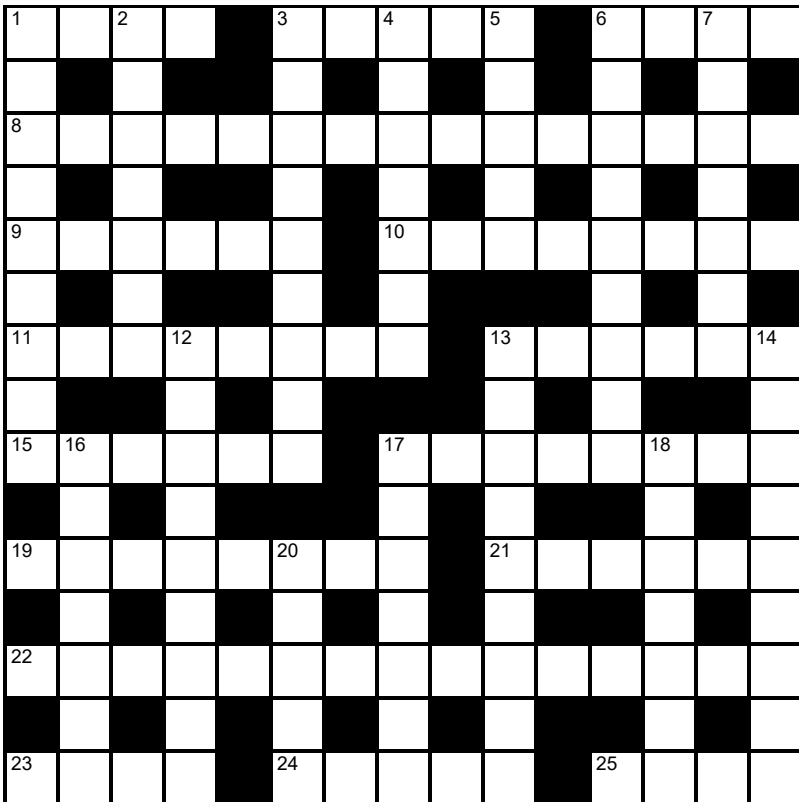


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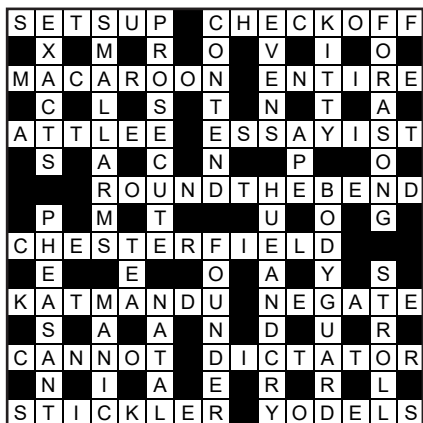
- 1 Bombshell hasn't the head for drink (4)
- 3 It's forbidden to strike rebounding balls (5)
- 6 Fascination with drug to lose lustre (4)
- 8 I make a point by removing dead wood (6,9)
- 9 Plane figures in Spooner's order to attack East Sussex town (6)
- 10 *Dog Day Afternoon* impresses one: note Pacino's in the lead (8)
- 11 Something nasty by way of incomplete knowledge (8)
- 13 Features of Barnet clearly detailed by Eliot's precursors? (6)
- 15 Slow NY lawyer put in charge of exchange (6)
- 17 Witty comments about terms at St Andrews? (8)
- 19 Entirely pointlessly in June, unfortunately, I just abandoned physical activity (3-5)
- 21 Wandering bombastic speech by former church leader (6)
- 22 Inept couple both misinterpreted welcoming notice on door? (4,2,3,6)
- 23 Fancies spending a day in Rome (4)
- 24 Go to special sweetheart at last? (5)
- 25 Image brides hold in their hearts? (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Sight defect produced by excessive work starts to impair academic (9)
- 2 Prepare to swindle officer cadet on vacation (7)
- 3 Man interrupting singer after Tosca's entrance gets tongue-lashing (7-2)
- 4 Scrooge's take on weather in Islamic state? (7)
- 5 Plants depicted by fine artists (5)
- 6 This sort of channel could create a riot (4-2-3)
- 7 Players must support director that's to shape *The Crucible's* lead (3-4)
- 12 Eminent judge goes into decline after losing face for rowdy behaviour (4,5)
- 13 Leading theatre school not right to withdraw course for West Indians (6,3)
- 14 Doubtful about wearing infected animal's skin (9)
- 16 Trickled through dehydrated casing very softly (7)
- 17 Not completely? For Americans, though, being ahead would make it so (7)
- 18 Advertised piece of cobalt rail edging (7)
- 20 Swimmer needs time to cover most of course (5)

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