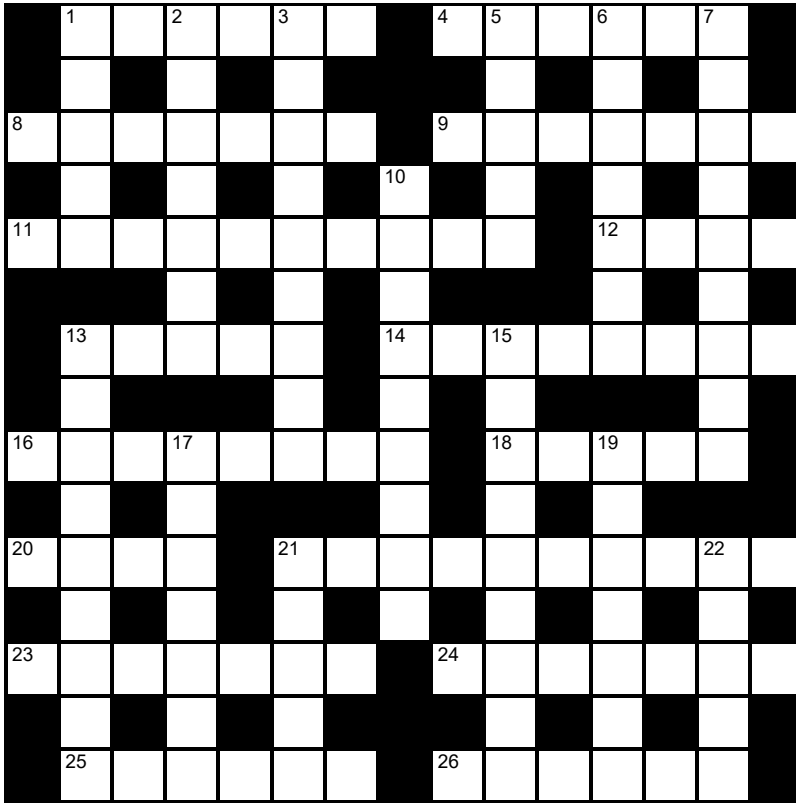


CROSSWORD

No 17,350 Set by BOBCAT



ACROSS

- 1 Miracle turned claret to flaky white stuff in saint's absence (6)
- 4 Untidy label on paper (6)
- 8 A lot of jerks exposed youth (7)
- 9 Something malicious involving artist and politician (7)
- 11 Modification to unique diet produces uneasiness (10)
- 12 Finals of *Masterchef* feature Nigella, resplendent in action (4)
- 13 Instrument locating recurrent feature of heredity in seeds (5)
- 14 Wilde, for one, rejected main article covering limitations of Earnest (8)
- 16 Screwball declines to be tolerated (8)
- 18 Announcement filling parts 2-4 of Elle is a scoop (5)
- 20 Have another go at languishing in boredom (4)
- 21 She has sorties all over the place (3,7)
- 23 Soldiers set fire to unit in reversing train (7)
- 24 Clammy sort of bad vibe holding John back (7)
- 25 Flighty individual seized on juicy news item (6)
- 26 Forge name often used spuriously in extremis (6)

DOWN

- 1 Being cut up over article (5)
- 2 Sort of contract for game or fillet steak? (2-5)
- 3 Directions provided by side in field for refreshments (9)
- 5 Five grades college replaced with one to last (5)
- 6 A night at the theatre: it could be glorious (7)
- 7 Batty aunt eager to provide assurance (9)
- 10 Clamour in haste, having lost right to host exotic dance (3,3,3)
- 13 Nameless royal literally admitting relations at last. Here's the charge sheet (5,4)
- 15 Argument that's surprising is rejected in singular theory (9)
- 17 I repeatedly talk primarily about special one in the ascendant? (7)
- 19 Take away bore from the south at end of August (7)
- 21 Excuse jumping bail before middle of trial (5)
- 22 Know how to speak volumes, being drunk (5)

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Solution 17,348



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