

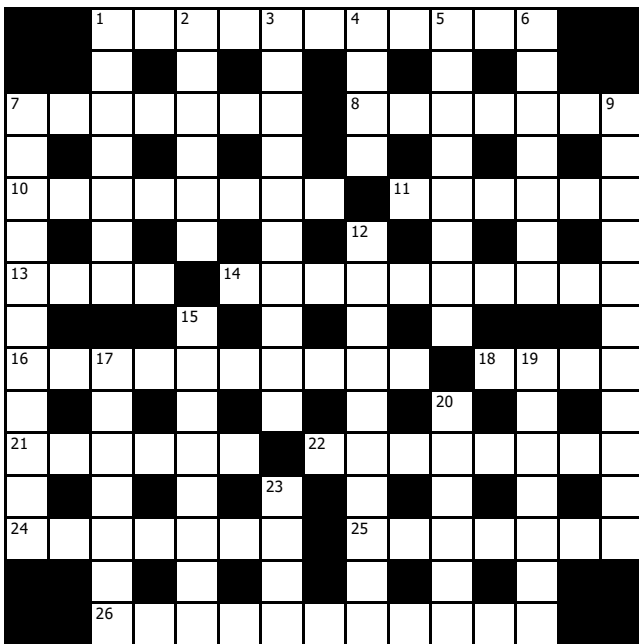
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- 1** Homesick and lit up ... continually lit up (5-6)
7 One getting even after losing face with German? (7)
8 Long-lasting, elegant, and not, in retrospect, boring (7)
10 Bypass is going round street engulfed by the sea (8)
11 Author returning honour secured by credit card? (6)
13 Belgrade resident envisaging strike, primarily from the east? (4)
14 Cruel art, cannily contrived (10)
16 Easy in Oman to develop oil-based product (10)
18 Priceless international centres (4)
21 He defended part of Channel so notably (6)
22 Guide visiting Tehran destroyed holy site (8)
24 One infiltrating to join smallest army unit (7)
25 How much is known, for example, about entertaining North Africans? (7)
26 Nameless bloke organised meeting (3-8)

DOWN

- 1** No end to Scandinavian writings inspired by fish and cheese (7)
2 Was this when empire builder reduced American presence by 50%? (6)
3 He might mind his own blooming business! (10)
4 Mess about, backing away from mate (4)
5 Man of Kent quaffing pink stuff, English - something refined (8)
6 Promote a great number in plain clothes section of force (7)
7 Determinations of revised means tests repeating conclusions and wasting time (11)
9 This vice girl, renouncing ecstasy, applied for social provisions (5,6)
12 Dilapidated hut for sheep on Lancashire's borders (10)
15 Politician's marriage starts to invite salacious tittle-tattle (8)
17 Solver will, reportedly, record *Something for Christmas* (4,3)
19 Outdoor championship just beginning late (4-3)
20 Joint mostly had for starter in meal (6)
23 Spirit shown by revolutionary failing to use loaf? The opposite (4)



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