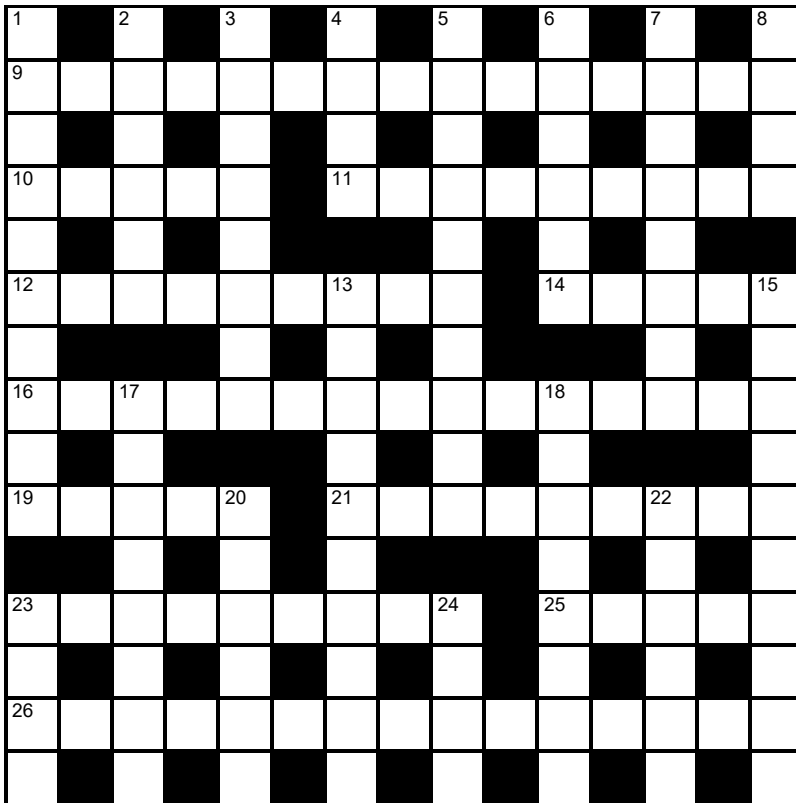


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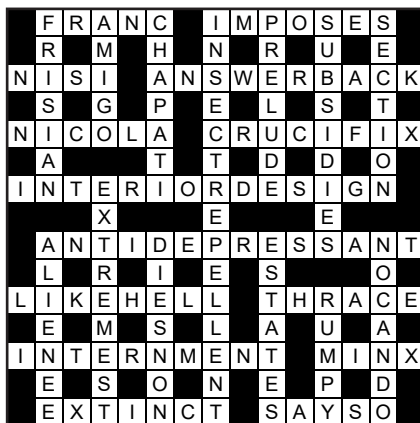
- 9** He's great when it comes to knocking things into shape! (10,5)
10 Handy therapy for first responders; evidently it's kicking in (5)
11 Retribution for Cockney's hat, said tasteless thing (3,3,3)
12 Girl, 10, finds exit that could lead to deck (5,4)
14 Animal hunger in central Sahara (5)
16 Pensions trustee charged with arrogance (15)
19 Ladies' man in final French city... (5)
21 ...where one is spontaneous; that's extraordinary (9)
23 Experimental glassware for analysis by part of London Transport? (4,5)
25 Searching Ottawa to find a bar (5)
26 Fluffy Finnish rugs made for decorating the home (4,11)

DOWN

- 1** Polish army corps rise for the last daily exam (5,5)
2 Charge for languages group on Tuesday (6)
3 More vino ordered for one who'll eat anything (8)
4 It bites; bite back (4)
5 Peak concern as Spike loses time (10)
6 Not least, schoolmates regrouped for slow dance (6)
7 Sweater one considered, so to speak (2,2,4)
8 Bond problem for host (4)
13 Has more books around 2nd June, and the 4th in particular (10)
15 Out St Basil, revealed as having totalitarian views (10)
17 Mules, for your information, made ready to be mixed up (8)
18 Don't move, especially when drunk! (3,5)
20 Tell Barry's finally able to be working at levitating! (6)
22 Stand-in is somewhat more gentlemanly (6)
23 Work engagement ends with question (4)
24 Almost broke cover (4)

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