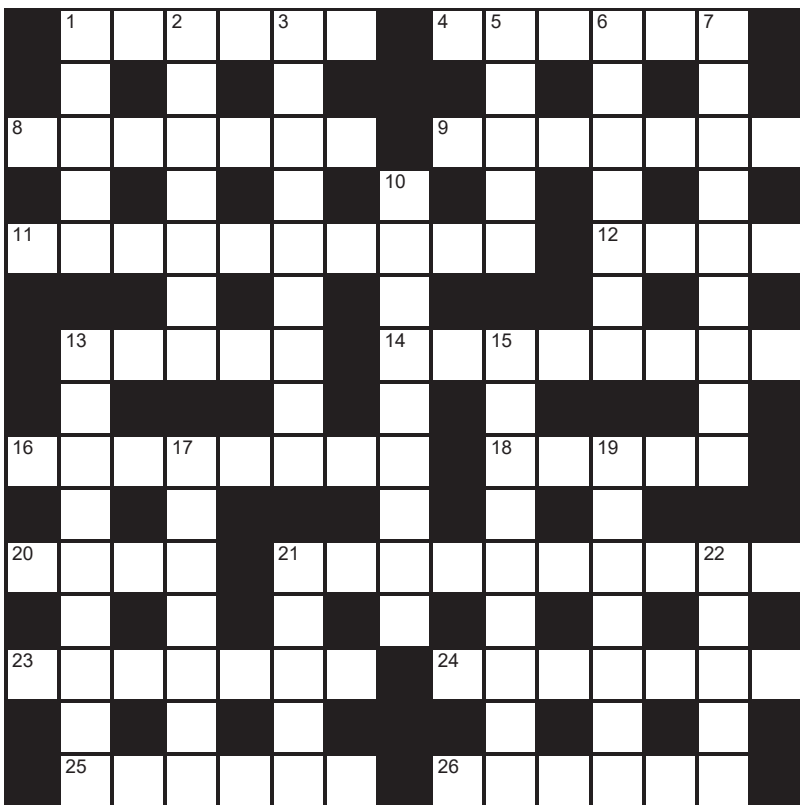


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ACROSS

- 1 Defy the French or cave in? (6)
- 4 Country girl bringing back no gin (6)
- 8 A party without tinnies? Impossible (2,3,2)
- 9 Somehow rig vote? It makes my head spin (7)
- 11 Hamlet maybe making a decision (10)
- 12 On way back startle cuckoo (4)
- 13 Many women here are seduced by His Majesty (5)
- 14 Child's hero attracted to quiet evangelist (8)
- 16 Bad dream about prison? It gets one down (8)
- 18 Commie cook from the east giving you more rum? (5)
- 20 Listen, ship entering port empty (4)
- 21 Quite a stylish chap? Thank goodness for that (4,2,4)
- 23 Job on the line? (7)
- 24 Idiot poking face with finger (7)
- 25 Attempt to entertain remains substandard (6)
- 26 Sense we're as one, to some extent (6)

Solution 17,619

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 In speech expresses disappointment with Manhattan? (5)
- 2 Gossip about tea party host (7)
- 3 Maidens almost all desperate for a Romeo (6,3)
- 5 Brilliant article on measure to ban heroin (5)
- 6 Jumbo that went down? (7)
- 7 You'll be done up like a kipper in this (9)
- 10 Flirt with military policeman amid disordered streets (9)
- 13 Principal's bit on the side enjoying an advantage (4,5)
- 15 English case so haunting (9)
- 17 Girls showing a bit of leg? (7)
- 19 Payments made by weirdos? (7)
- 21 Most of Hanoi upset with judge, bringer of bad luck (5)
- 22 Discover love at last in the French navy (5)



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