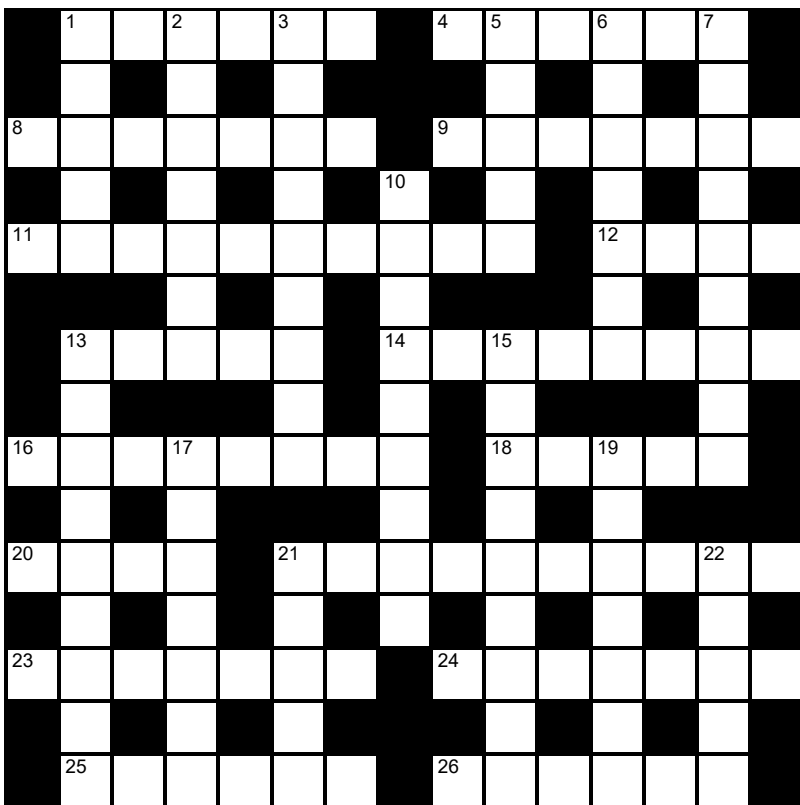


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ACROSS

- 1 Ruler of Germany given notice by English (6)
- 4 Times editor on vacation doesn't need one? (6)
- 8 Invigilate first of exams on love poetry (7)
- 9 Tormented genius defends old geological classification (7)
- 11 A doctor essentially sent some cocaine as stimulant (10)
- 12 Matching receptacle filled with whiskey (4)
- 13 Small store reportedly supplies populous city (5)
- 14 In finale, female stalking Steerpike is caught (8)
- 16 Honest view about art retrospective (8)
- 18 Tale of lust or yearning (5)
- 20 Commander in Chief periodically meeting retired US prosecutor (4)
- 21 Verbal form of protest initially disrupted epic trial (10)
- 23 Victory ceremony one brought to the fore online (7)
- 24 Denies detective's working outside Welsh quarter (7)
- 25 Husband concluding fish is tasteless (6)
- 26 Polish maiden enveloped by endless calm (6)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Died subduing fanatical giant slayer (5)
- 2 Strange creature crossing river in ancient city (7)
- 3 Grow a vine at sea? That's impressive! (9)
- 5 Ne'er-do-well lexicographer detailed features typical of upper classes (5)
- 6 Deplorable tussle involving hotel detectives (7)
- 7 Normally itinerary includes popular locality's periphery (9)
- 10 Desperate maniac's last on Conservative list (9)
- 13 Acting hesitantly, princess leads the band (9)
- 15 Icy mists obscured medium's spiritual practices (9)
- 17 Car trip abandoned by university examiner (7)
- 19 Exposed ford in middle of broad Colorado river (7)
- 21 Summits held in Alaska epitomised backtracking (5)
- 22 Hang conclusions of liberal inquiry on church! (5)



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