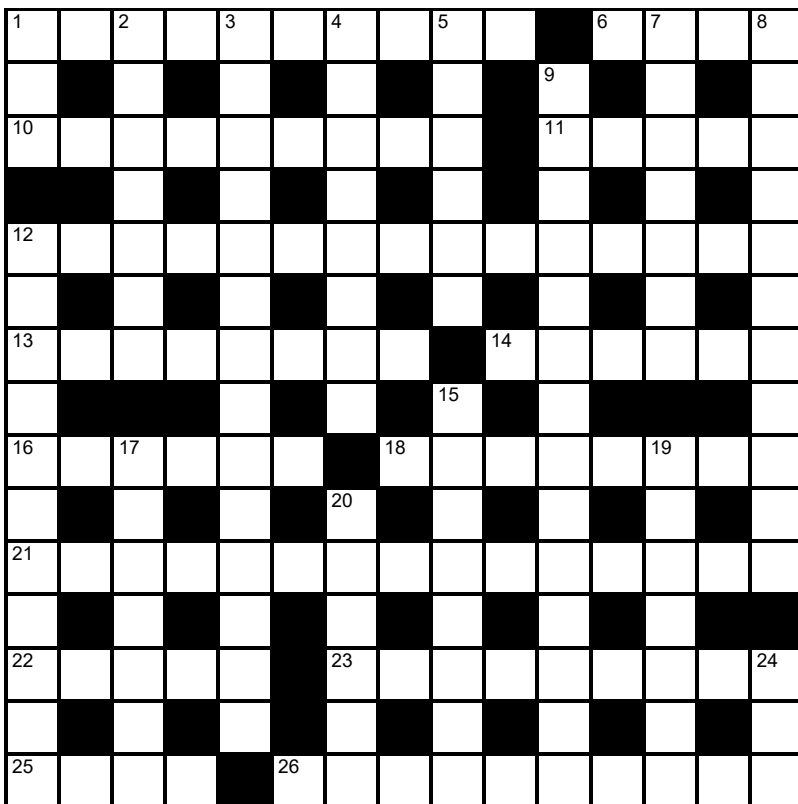
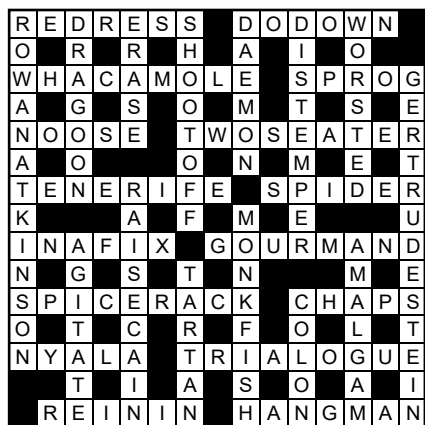


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ACROSS

- 1 Wrong about towel being threadbare (3,2,5)
- 6 Counter wrong to move about (4)
- 10/9 Saying something about the last couple will not bring justice (3,6,4,4,1,5)
- 11 Come clean about wordplay the way Cockney introduces it (3,2)
- 12 Airstrip: a foot's width out on the next landing but one (3-4-2-6)
- 13 Made bows lag and cross (8)
- 14 Boss has mislaid a trough (6)
- 16 One hears old solver's off colour (6)
- 18 Involved guard for protection of necessity (4-4)
- 21 Tabloid's crosswords are all syndicated, a comment on global enterprises (3,3,5,4)
- 22 Sugar-coated Barbarian's first order (5)
- 23 The damage now that firefighters do! (5,4)
- 25 Classic giants of the forest (4)
- 26 Character assigned to bar keeps working out documentary evidence (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 What orbiter has anything for Helen Sharman? (3)
- 2 This listener's also depressed (3,4)
- 3 Sorts of accommodation the last couple described? (8,6)
- 4 Plants altering regulations got vetoed (8)
- 5 Set A going AWOL say, if so poorly? (6)
- 7 Current organiser's job? (7)
- 8 Pretty little pictures dotted around second copy (11)
- 9 See 10 Across
- 12 Fine label attached to prize for cycling (11)
- 15 We agree to speak with this old baker, turning cold (3,5)
- 17 Stag fight in E3 reported by Spooner? (7)
- 19 Like matters arising in Court Area 10 after scuffle? (1,2,4)
- 20 Imagine not being able to start cryptic puzzle (6)
- 24 When deserting art supporter, one's not to be trusted (3)