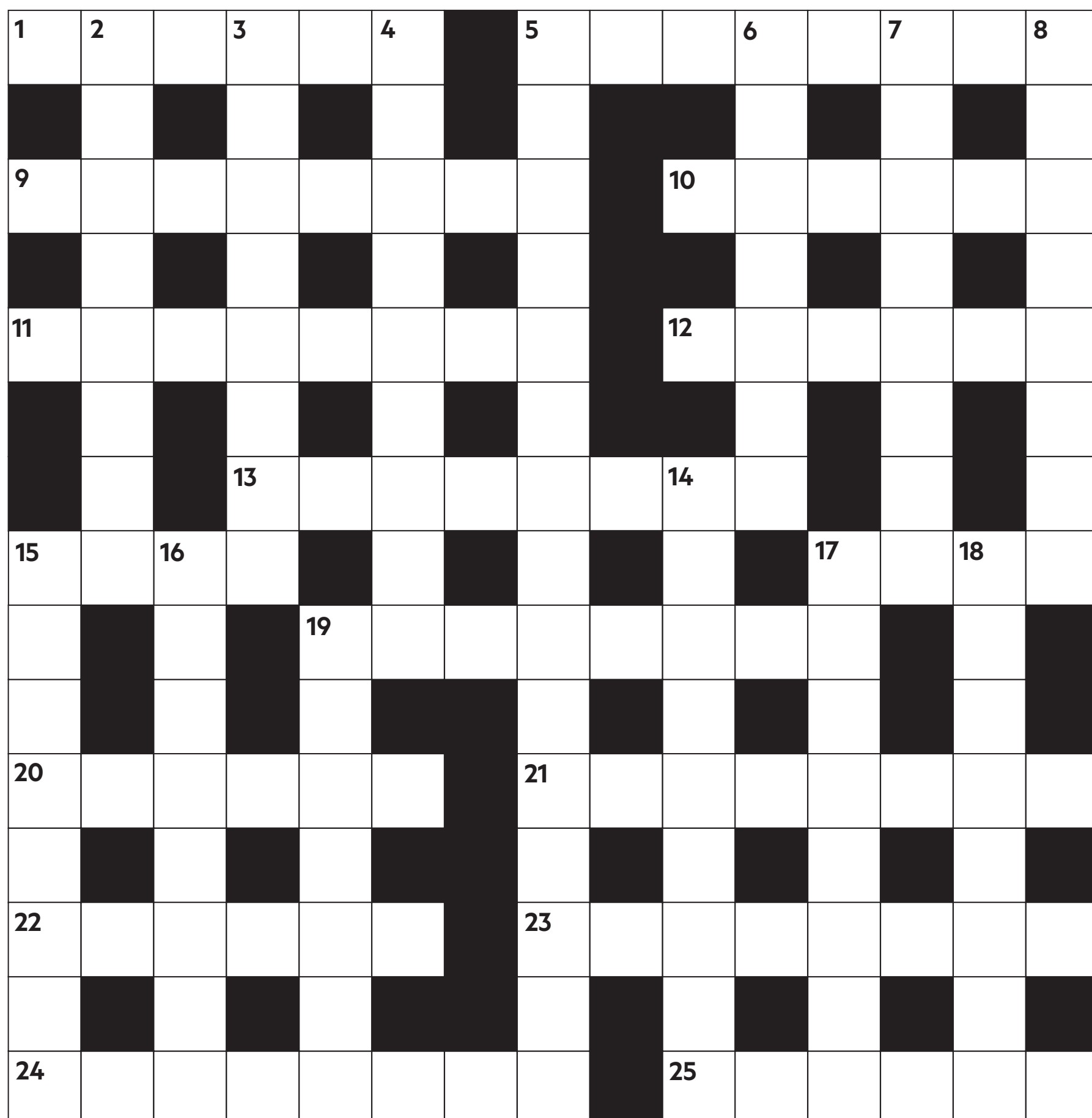


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Sickness (6)
- 5 Boastful person (8)
- 9 One who travels to work (8)
- 10 Steady (6)
- 11 Malefactor (8)
- 12 Deepest parts (6)
- 13 Equity (8)
- 15 Risqué (4)
- 17 Leg joint (4)
- 19 Lessen, drop (8)
- 20 Language (6)
- 21 Item of wintry footwear (8)
- 22 Read out loud (6)
- 23 Closing piece (8)
- 24 Upbeat (8)
- 25 Child's horse (3-3)

DOWN

- 2 Surprisingly reveal a bit of overlap with medicinal plant (4, 4)
- 3 Make straightforward film – / *Spy*, perhaps (8)
- 4 Exchanged a euro with this sanction (9)
- 5 Excited bard returns to promote philosopher (8, 7)
- 6 Cowardly German leader overlooks chaotic tussle (7)
- 7 Drive a doctor to it with one working (8)
- 8 Think highly of resistance in horribly austere environment (8)
- 14 Flavouring of mixed sage and onions – but no starter (9)
- 15 Verbosity from poor crier – though cut short (8)
- 16 Take firm right to French resort around hard mountain road (8)
- 17 Essential piece with piano part's sound quality (8)
- 18 Publicity for large exhibition? Yes (8)
- 19 The same brute upset Thomas, perhaps (7)

Solution 560

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