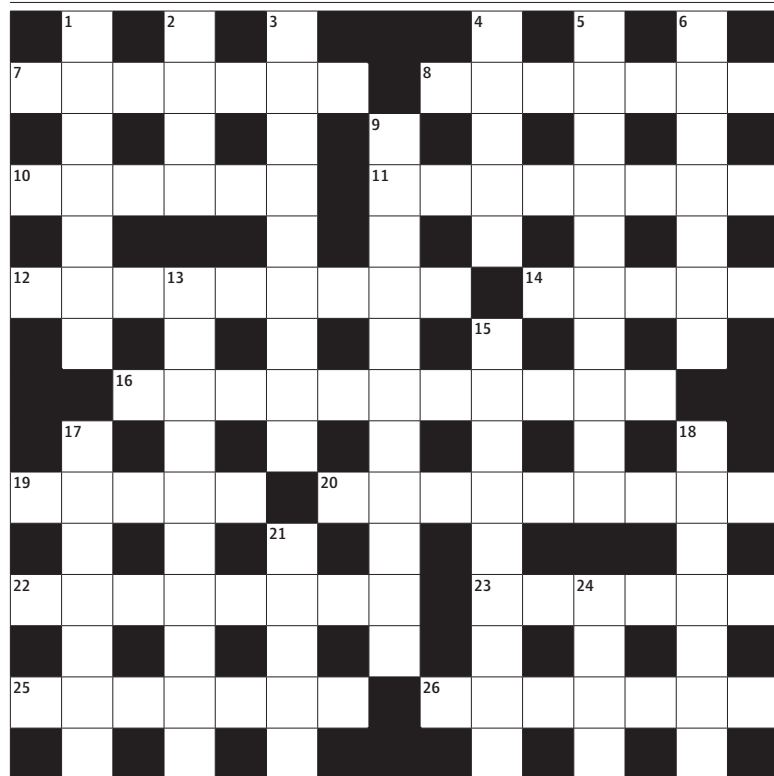


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Each clue consists of two separate parts, the first leading to the solution for the left-hand and the second for the right-hand grid. However, an anagram of one of each pair of these solutions, plus a letter of the alphabet, must be made before it is entered in its grid. (These resulting words are not defined in their clues.) The 26 alphabetical letters so used are to be added alternately to these across and down anagrams.

Across

- 7** Menial servant working for daughter and Dickensian character making trousers with great progress (7; 7)
8 Extra rest inside for dramatist in club – not clubs (7; 7)
10 Small book by Lawrence, poet – verse is about Hun and supreme deity (6; 6)

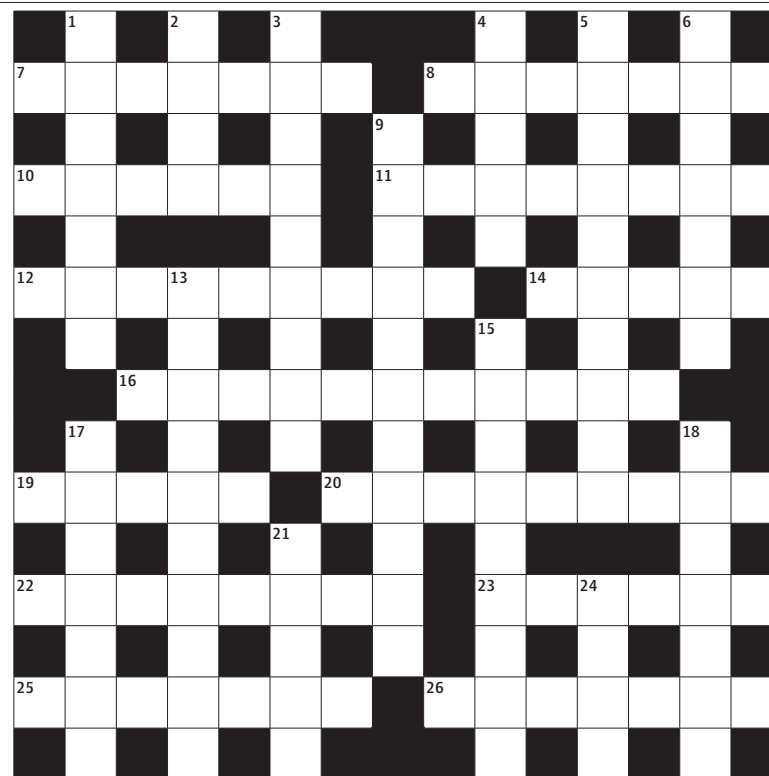
- 11** Cockney fellow cracked a joke, kitted out obtaining hydrocarbon from enclosure, without tree being felled (8; 8)
12 It's for through traffic, by the way – first call to topless girl about Rome brought back reminders (3; 6; 9)
14 Bone discovered in Roman villa somewhat perished on reflection,

my lord! (5; 5)

- 16** Excessive noise in spout by popular academy without head – Piggott's in there, producing fat-like substance (11; 11)
19 Onward, supporting most of the stuff (half of the crimson stuff) (5; 5)
20 Peculiar sort of ad from copyist backing Caesar's man in screen review (4; 5; 9)
22 Before 60 minutes are up alluring girl and grandma are cycling to far-off square for US outside broadcasts (2, 2, 4; 2, 6)
23 Flightless birds or hares bred for gricer's girl in middle of lake (6; 6)
25 Welshman isn't truthful; cleaners discredit society girl as a tad eccentric (7; 7)
26 Folly of frilly covering for shaved punk – rips off coats (7; 7)

Down

- 1** Princess's union data that is regularly seen in smart diaries as spoof (7; 7)
2 Criminal charge and censure for Institute's quiet request (4; 4)
3 Things happen! Terribly evil caste perambulates around without maps for African eagle (4, 2, 3; 9)
4 Money for kangaroo and monster kind of eagle (5; 5)
5 Schooner at divided island where loner shows appeal in an irksome task (10; 10)
6 French dramatist's own root of his country's girl (7; 7)
9 Article by directors as record of top golfers showing iconoclast disturbing seed at hole (11; 5, 6)
13 Plane figure spoilt, we're told, on corner by instrument from police hideout (5-5; 10)
15 Anglo-Saxon king has talent translating Latin book, etched for free (9; 9)



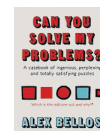
- 17** Working during male party one day in Berlin, I dreamt about head waiter (4; 3; 6, 1)
18 Fabric from Salerno pedlar in nationwide alert (7; 7)

- 21** Put on touch of eyeshadow – that's completed – symbol of peace first reached port (5; 5)
24 Pale blue sign only half visible in river in Skye, overflowing (4; 4)

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