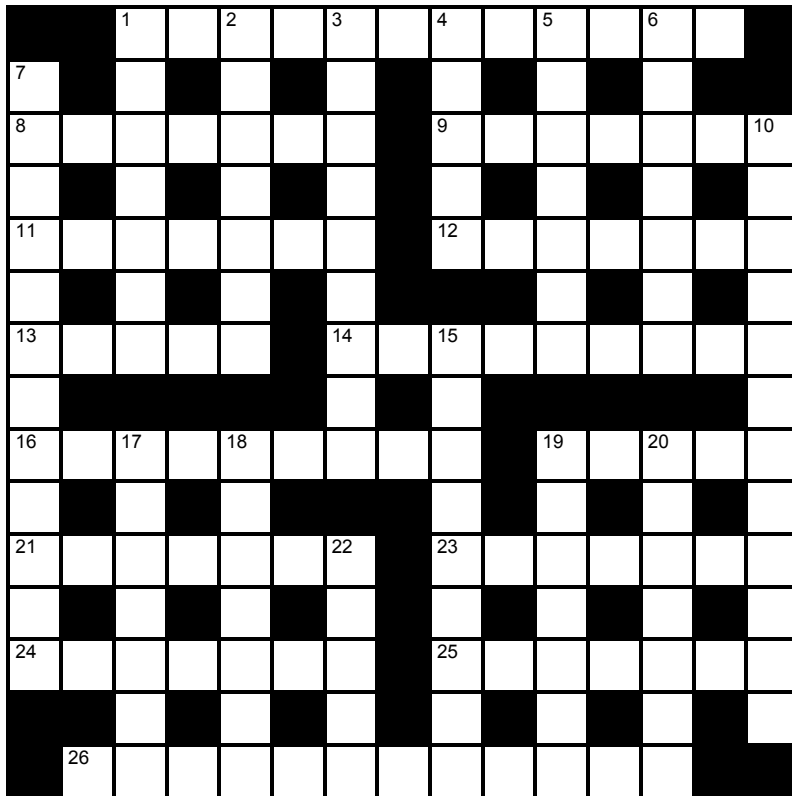


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Across

- 1 A cold fish entertains female showing weakness (8,4)
- 8 English maiden followed by media is stately lady (7)
- 9 Mate recalled setter's denial following arrest (3,2,2)
- 11 Bump about a splinter (4-3)
- 12 One who scoffs cereal covered in sherry, oddly (7)
- 13 Introduce pressure to buzzers to get electronic sounds (5)
- 14 Wire support to grip the bust (9)
- 16 Pain suppressant, one for a parentless child, given on purpose (9)
- 19 Tree-dwelling creature heading for arboreal parts rejected Oklahoma City (5)
- 21 Food manufacturer left diary hidden in cask (7)
- 23 Where one might find

kipper, perhaps, that is being eaten by dog (3,4)

- 24 With bad stomach, cook's thrown up in demonstrations (7)
- 25 Outskirts of London around mid-sixteenth century, soak up book's setting (7)
- 26 After time, drunk provocative girl becomes a joke (5-7)

Down

- 1 Using vegetable in recess to give gratification (7)
- 2 Plain drunken lusher needing energy boost (7)
- 3 Dying to exist with abandon (4-5)
- 4 Creeps defaced countryside boundaries (5)
- 5 Care taken over frequently getting up in haste (7)

6 Bearing on a vessel to corrode (3,4)

- 7 With the Queen underneath, take her bra off and flirt (12)
- 10 With audacity, heading off very fast is stressful (5-7)
- 15 Privates find information on foreigner's European country (9)
- 17 Temptress cheered up, grabbing pal's behind (7)
- 18 Retreating soldiers of Indiana find good shelter (7)
- 19 Not one peacenik on the march that's found with joint (7)
- 20 Buff a china pot endlessly (7)
- 22 Tests egg-cosies so regularly failed (5)