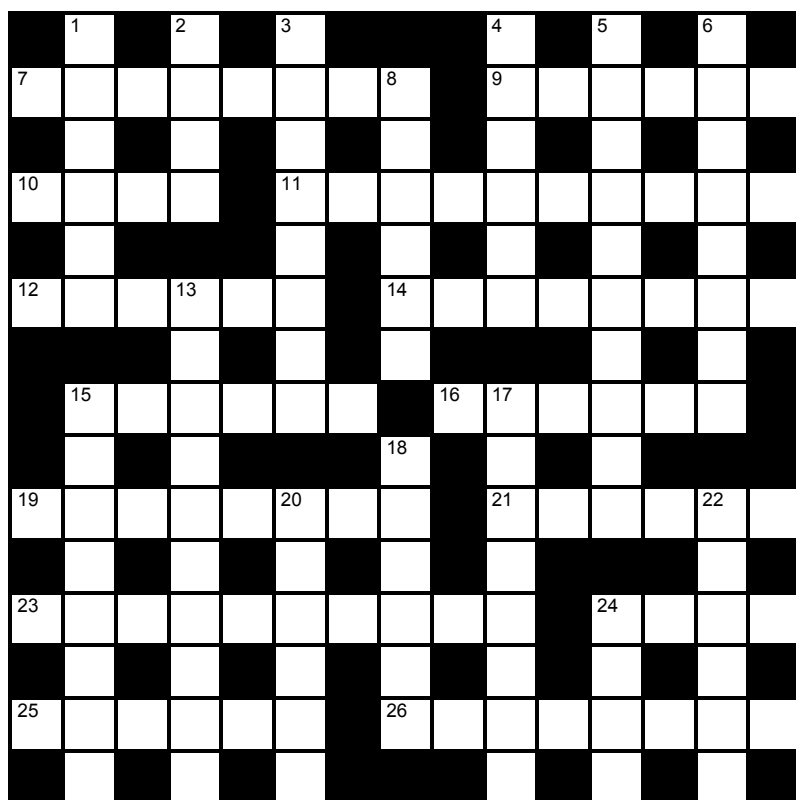


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Across

- 7 Reinforced concrete finally installed in part of a swimming pool (8)
- 9 Soldier in cast-iron base (6)
- 10 Invalid returned from Hull University (4)
- 11 According to Spooner, Hades circled the rich (4-6)
- 12 King in a w-whimsical skirmish (6)
- 14 Sarongs I designed for seller (8)
- 15 Scotland Yard initially acknowledges courts (6)
- 16 Words of wisdom now and forever (6)
- 19 Limping more and more like a cartoon dog! (8)

21 Independents turn blue (6)

23 Lunatic lay at sea in a shipshape fashion (10)

24 Lover in East End broadcast (4)

25 Extortionist certain to be found in old city (6)

26 Vicar's tea without milk and sugar? (8)

Down

1 Brush off polish again (6)

2 Stone pot returned by gangster (4)

3 Cold nude was cavorting around yard (8)

4 Lunches just for men? (6)

5 Caesar maybe returns promised to be free (10)

6 Orientals lose time rebuilding parts of an aircraft (8)

8 Idol largely hoards money (6)

13 Bishop embraces organist playing for Richard Starkey (5,5)

15 Donkey on board small ship weed! (8)

17 Master locks up sprightly maiden for farmer (8)

18 In play, Romeo drinks some acid - quite the reverse (6)

20 Pass state paper? (2,4)

22 Greek singer returns pregnant (6)

24 Throw up a weapon (4)