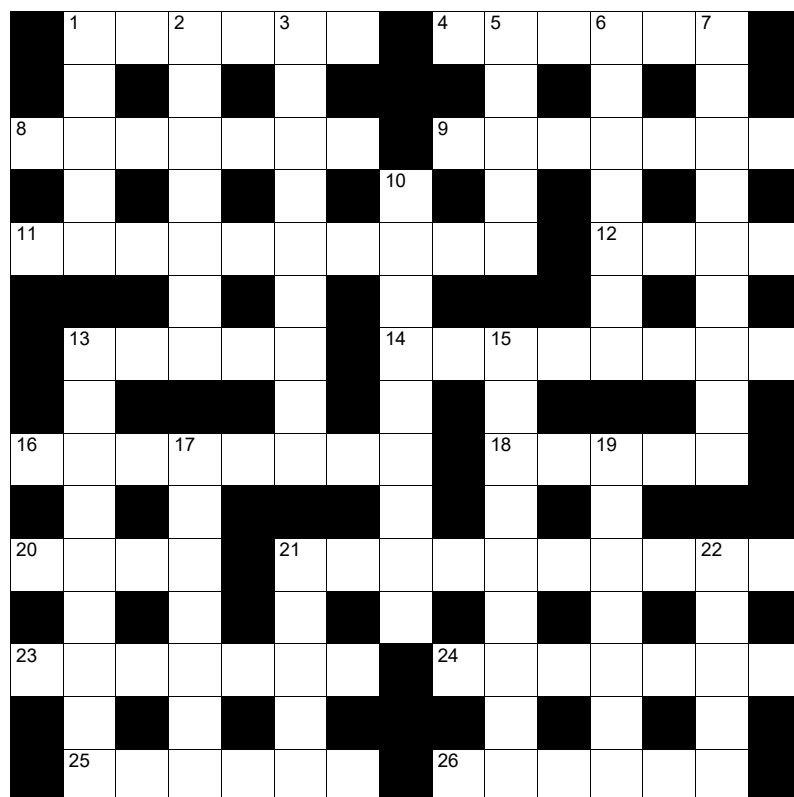


Crumpled Heap



Across

- 1** Angus's regular treatment of acne makes little difference (6)
4 Work place back in use (6)
8 Twist in groin results in crumpled heap in need of attention (7)
9 Rifle continued to fire (7)
11 Thorough police force has one copper with tortured soul (10)
12 Sense negative energy surrounding Scotland's leader (4)
13 Colourist holds right to salon equipment (5)

- 14** An A & E gown growing bacterium from septic tank? (8)
16 I have a partner that's flawed (8)
18 Kiss damaged flesh (5)
20 Idiot takes in quietly dangerous creatures (4)
21 City scoundrel suffering in Post Office slip-up (10)
23 Intended to suppress initial naughtiness and be an angel (7)
24 Capacitor endlessly churned out farinaceous substance (7)

- 25** Bashful about blunder making drink (6)
26 Flies in the morning finding rubbish (6)

Down

- 1** Fibrous cord within inner ventricle (5)
2 Night in Paris following an unknown payment (7)
3 Champion to take in queen and queen's men (9)
5 Female fish unravels (5)
6 Containers lacking firm and robust base spill out more nuts (7)

- 7** Old guy takes in American minor (9)
10 Commanding Officer cut after battle shows lack of valour (9)
13 Servants' disagreements (9)
15 Drive up the wall using tank found in dilapidated garage (9)
17 Cool down cooked sausage (7)
19 Friendships barmaid regularly restricts (7)
21 One taking steps to go over backwards (5)
22 Alternate site, lacking finish, starting to moulder (5)