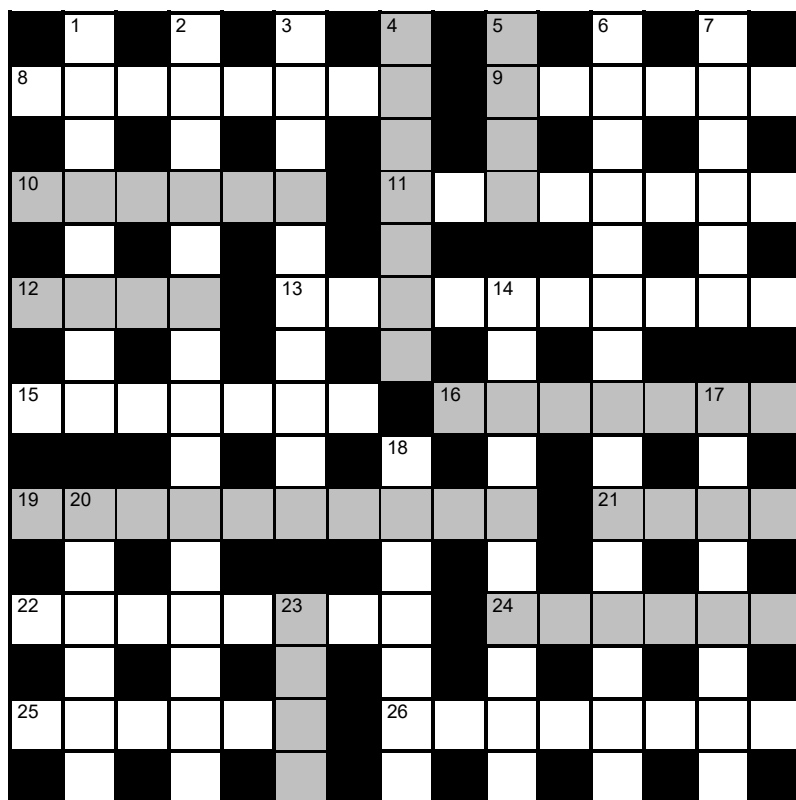


### Bit of a Bit

*The shaded solutions all appear under the same headword in the Chambers Dictionary.*



**Across**

- 8 Where film is put, maybe, in secret (2,6)
- 9 Fur, long-term in English wraps (6)
- 10/12 Small trading community's broken down ATM network (6,4)
- 11 Purchase, we hear, flimsy shells of goods, old objects of little importance (2-6)
- 12 See 10
- 13 Heard annoyed expression regularly crop up on right side of playing area (5,5)
- 15 Gradual absorption of brine essentially in old style northern peat bog (7)
- 16/21 Curiously

peeping about, not openly at first, for Cock o' the North, for example (7,4)

- 19/23 What might be served guest in Western Europe (10,4)
- 21 See 16
- 22 Work force's grass cutter possessing advanced new power (8)
- 24 Carry rabbit round Vatican City (6)
- 25 Some Arabic or Namibian military hat (6)
- 26 Typeface's surprising fairness (8)

**Down**

- 1 In France a little rodent docked! Wicked! (8)
- 2 Distress about tricky talking point; treading very carefully (7,2,6)
- 3 Adorning with projecting objects most excellent dessert course (paper at first removed) (10)
- 4 Take shelter circling bar during memorable period (7)
- 5 Quit group favouring radical views (4)
- 6 Abilities to cope with everything of organisation of top science men pursuing last

components of atom (15)

- 7 Culinary herb not at first turning up for Asiatic wild ass (6)
- 14 Even a dreadful smell quickly fading (10)
- 17 Frantic fear about rising inland sea affecting widespread area (8)
- 18 Further performance of sales agent come into view (7)
- 20 Elevated originally Celtic idealized image of ancient alphabet (6)
- 23 See 19 Across