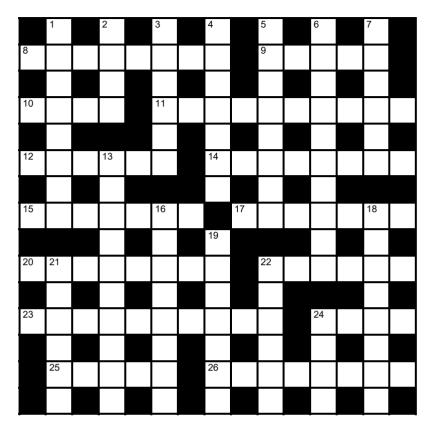
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Across

- **8** Happening to call forth (8)
- 9 Nikes worn by flying geese (5)
- 10 King and fool bond (4)
- 11 Comedian keeps bold French king and duke in stitches (10)
- 12 Islander's strange trance (6)
- **14** A device kept at your fingertips (8)
- 15 Four in workshop mend bridges (7)
- **17** Grasses where children sit (7)
- 20 Some waitresses press 'on' to get coffee (8)
- 22 Remove granny perhaps from drunk notary (6)
- 23 One has a fitting job (10)
- 24 Eddy's park address (4)
- 25 Cord found in many longbows (5)
- **26** Order head of cattle (8)

Down

- 1 Score in a bizarre set-up (8)
- 2 River rush (4)
- **3** Bird in animal years (6)
- 4 It's a test failing to blink (7)
- 5 Intones a foreign language (8)
- 6 Acupuncturist's craft? (10)



- 7 Deceptive U turn, spun with energy (6)
- 13 Wildly disorganised yet girlish (10)
- **16** Funding less fashionable garment (8)
- 18 Romeo's in improvised rock movement (8)
- 19 Where Spooner dumps fish implements (7)
- **21** Maroon thread (6)
- 22 Under a comic that's yet to be browsed (6)
- **24** Cut flower (4)