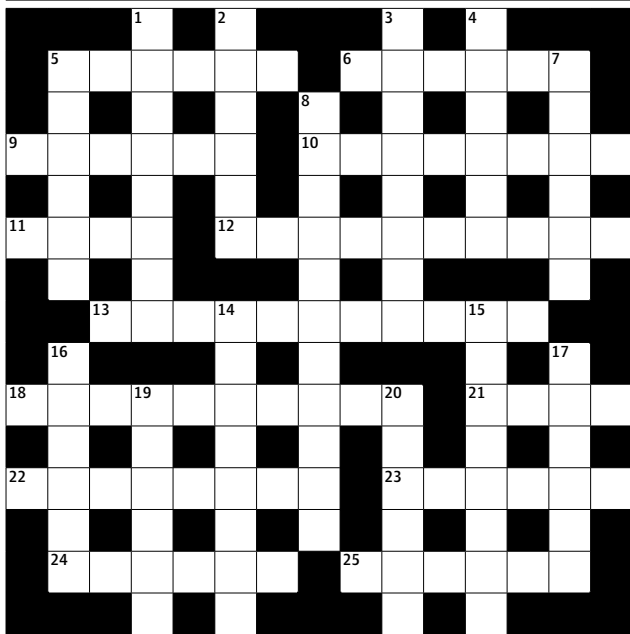


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Across

- 5 Try to get number right away (6)
- 6 One managing to shut up the wife (6)
- 9 Resinous substance – it is put into soothing cream (6)
- 10 Luxury when university lecturer comes into old money (8)
- 11 Bank offering little reward (4)
- 12 Backed by everybody fighting the enemy? (2,3,5)
- 13 Formula for action bringing dissension (11)
- 18 Black as the one who was jailed in America? (5,5)
- 21 Diamonds perhaps for a set of garments (4)
- 22 As saint only half sweet, I grimace (8)
- 23 Minister is scoundrel when meeting goddess (6)
- 24 One getting bothered about politicians (6)
- 25 Messing about, no good (6)

Down

- 1 Disrespectful friend entertaining Queen and Prince Charles? (8)
- 2 Henry in the end joins a Christian army that prohibits violence (6)
- 3 Day and month for superior chaps to join in deed (8)
- 4 Bring this if last to rise (6)
- 5 Solemn little son (6)
- 7 Water channel running around home (6)
- 8 Precursor so wacky helps to make an abbey famous (5,6)
- 14 English business person left squashed with area inadequate for display (8)
- 15 Out riding a three-wheeler round one end of street (2,6)
- 16 The sound of a small stream (6)
- 17 Carpet with its first bit turned over (6)
- 19 Japanese ware showing craft, work taking a different direction (6)
- 20 Drink offered by exhibition centre – undrinkable black liquid (6)

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