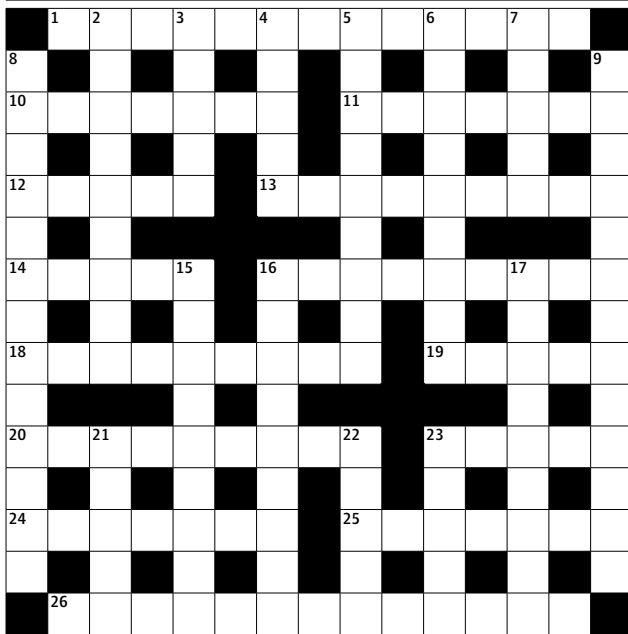


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Across

- 1** Demand for many tissues finds selective process unwelcoming (9,4)
10,4 Insect seeking mate between 2 11s (7,5)
11 One of 14 that is appearing soon (5,2)
12 Present of iron from Paris (5)
13 St Peter, etymologically, to scrub the deck (9)
14 House of 9 10 4 (5)
16 Gets on bad with modifications for 9 10 4 (9)
18 Start of play on island with flexible toy (6,3)
19 Assume there's an order to take a pew (5)
20 Mesopotamian maybe disturbing Abraham's right (5,4)
23 Look to circle on floor (5)
24 Security device keeps prisoner from drug (7)
25 Region of 9 qualification in type of opera (7)
26 Backing slave has always covered platform for the rejuvenated (5,2,1,5)

Down

- 2** First-class student on trees races round backwards (4,5)
3 English river – English river with gravelly deposit (5)
4 See 10

- 5** Want walker with 9 body to have Prussian weapon (6,3)
6 Detective on wheels has instrument for cheat (9)
7 Moor safely with some booty almost raised (3,2)
8 A lot of fish, a lot of spread, to say nothing prim and old-fashioned (13)
9 Confine, at island, Lenin's first Communist organisation (13)
15 Don't talk about entering footwear for native Americans (9)
16 Novel Gypsy damsel wandering outside period (9)
17 9 pack to show if TVs are OK (4,5)
21 Come again about dog (5)
22 Nearly illegitimate enough? (5)
23 Buy wildly into lawyer for president (5)

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