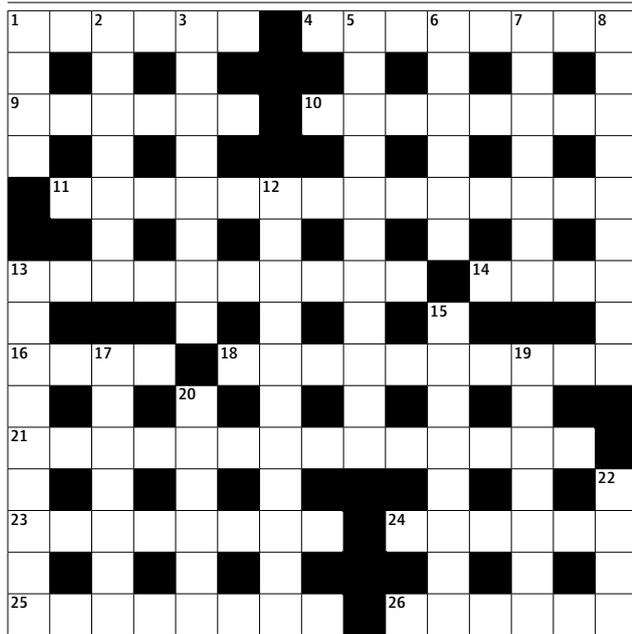


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Across

- 1** Man (island) with old queen (6)
4 Easy source of cash goes very little way when its first seized by dog (5,3)
9,10 Bony cod's head eaten by prole wandering in coastland (6,8)
11 Drink and card games in river crossing (8,6)
13 8 later dealt with the 9 10 at 11 (part 1) (10)
14 1-0 to Indigo (4)
16 See 22
18 It's resurrected about monarch's regal manner, as one's bound to notice (10)
21 Periodically could be three thousand feet (trio to 1) (4,4,2,4)
23 Tree on desert in Yorkshire (8)
24 Cross Ulster from the east to be sheltered (6)
25 Lament for the brethren Odysseus had lost (8)
26 Defeated mention of cookery expert (6)

Down

- 1** He's going to damnation (4)
2 Yowl of disapproval (7)
3 Shot goes home making news (8)

- 5** Picture expert using oxygen – it's cooling (11)
6 Saucy crimes? (6)
7 Foot entitled to add gas to calcium (7)
8 Sir Arthur the film director's field (9)
12 Run away – I won the game when put to rights (11)
13 Fired wildly in refusal to have flanks some 15 apart? (4,5)
15 1 down to beat the church by a comfortable margin (8)
17 Adverse critic at the door? (7)
19 13 across has books on soup (7)
20 Between poles, trust is scattered (6)
22,16 13 across on duty initially with his country gripped by anger (4,4)

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