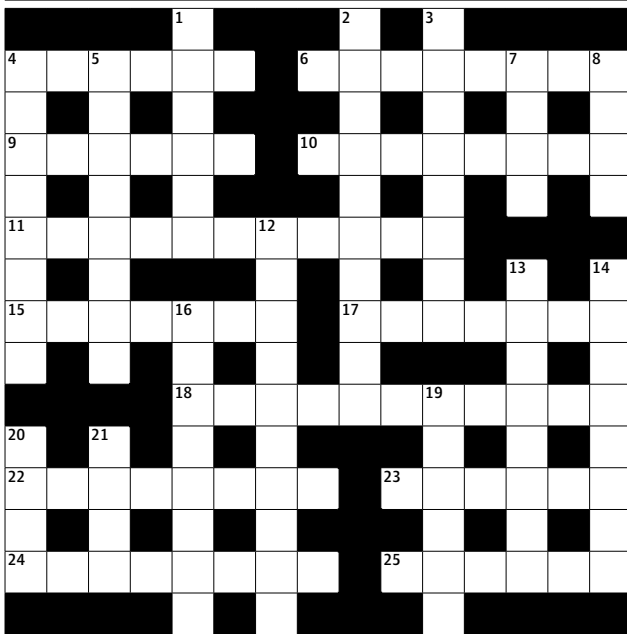


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Across

- 4 I have a dog (6)
- 6 French leader's refusal to entertain a fellow European (8)
- 9 Model violated when about to leave (6)
- 10 Suffered discomfort after a race, but hung on (8)
- 11 Tracks crossing the river where people jump (11)
- 15 Ham is above the law (7)
- 17 City call to spend? (4,3)
- 18 Savour impertinence from sailors? (6,5)
- 22 Lust like a Cockney saying he's jolly drunk? (8)
- 23 Ship's boat turns in, as for good (6)
- 24 Harry led astray by the arms? (8)
- 25 Cuts 23 on board (6)
- 4 This will help you to sleep soundly, said easterner (8)
- 5 Weak prescription to treat paw injury? (3,5)
- 7 What may be heard from the choir? (4)
- 8 Party leader at international organisation turns up without cover (4)
- 12 Volume containing a true array of writing (10)
- 13 Figure out place to have sex (8)
- 14 Godless found at armed robberies? (8)
- 16 Shrewdly, as a follower of Robin Hood (8)
- 19 Frugal type puts in a pound for the plate (6)
- 20 Spare wound (4)
- 21 Stimulus is false without promises (4)

Down

- 1 Come running and pull to pieces (4,2)
- 2 Part of the country is against ale brewing (4,6)
- 3 Sticky stuff used by agents to catch a fool (8)

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