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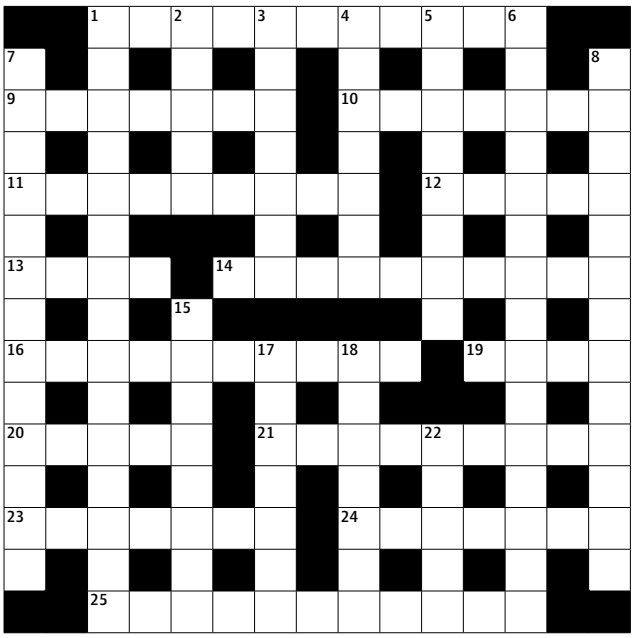

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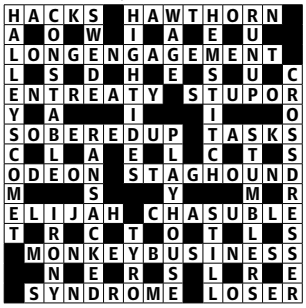
Across

1 Environmentalists such as Ethel Merman and Thomas Hardy? (4-7)
9 Disconcert Arsenal without using wingers, gaining victory in Europe (7)
10 Return of ice in one point three times as slippery? (3-4)
11 Aid for tourists in Edinburgh's good online reading material (9)
12 Spike Milligan, finally covered in for good (5)
13 Weapon available from around threepence (4)
14 One making declaration in a counter-revolutionary fashion (10)
16 Strange I should tan poorly (10)
19 Body establishing English broadcasts, originally (4)
20 Desirable but unattainable ladies, mostly out to lunch (5)
21 Before returning toilet roll to soft bit of furniture ... (9)
23 ... heads for mugs of no-good drinks (7)
24 Fairy ring finally seen where moon is nearest to us (7)
25 Spooner's cursed pig will cheat (11)

Down

1 Measure of stress that can be absorbed by three nestlings about to take flight at last (7,8)
2 Right one, hiding in central point in nest (5)
3 Ring in when dancing includes party dance (7)
4 One getting in a pickle from using her Kindle (7)
5 Golfer circling edge of hole is ... (8)
6 ... in soft enough ground, accepting initially even the error exiting the trap? (4,2,3,6)
7 Person who can't spell anoints new members of old sect (13)
8 Breakfast item in pub's left one entering complaint: "Is hard to swallow" (7,6)
15 Liberal's surprisingly more gutsy (8)
17 Removes tension from simmering feud, overseas area excepted (7)
18 Car horn very good in snow, oddly (7)
22 Childless male, shortly to produce child (5)

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