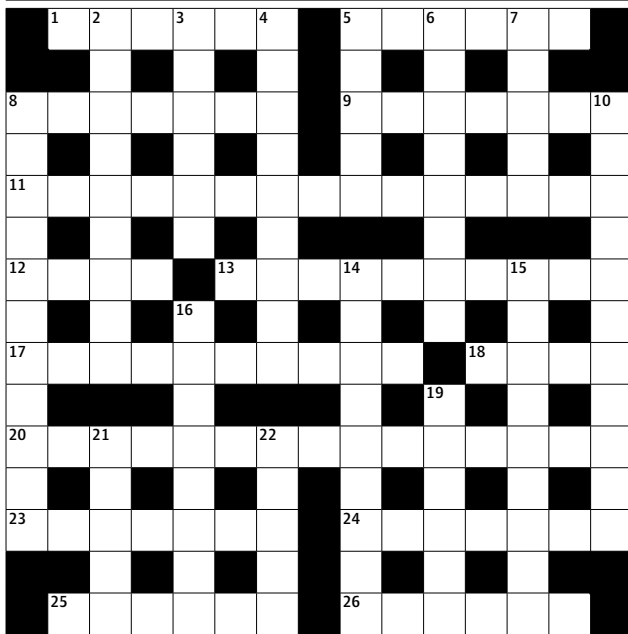


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Across

- 1 25 in balance (6)
- 5 See 13
- 8 Ring for fat emperor? Ring off (7)
- 9 Fruit for wader (not alien) at a party (7)
- 11 South American stand-off at party in rough clothing to 12 (4,4,3,4)
- 12 Page of the Guardian – will you do it or shall I? (4)
- 13,5 Pull in later: like this writer to the editor, it 12-ed (3,7,6)
- 17 Corporal punishment for swigging ale at opera (10)
- 18 Backing provided for American holy man (4)
- 20 Broadcaster about narcissus, it may be, when bands are out (9,6)
- 23 Monument as honour for potential silk (7)
- 24 Honour great leader if parrot's about (7)
- 25 Deer with royal putting on performance (6)
- 26 Number for insect in residence (6)

Down

- 2 Courses of hot food getting cooler, one might say (9)
- 3 Girl swallowing sodium – it's madness (6)
- 4 People carrier adding to tension? (9)

- 5 Scarlet woman said she's surprised at losing roof of her house (5)
- 6 Old gold face is introductory (8)
- 7 Inspirer of number at Oxford (5)
- 8 See about alternative to saying nothing about friend to developer (4,7)
- 10 Bad vibes? Yes, so left off having fanatical concentration (11)
- 14 Alleged location of deer in retrospect (9)
- 15 Learning the 15-a-side game in book form (9)
- 16,19 12-ing caught Finn in academic dress keeping up government department (8,2,4)
- 21 Piece of linen, one of those that are 12-ing? (5)
- 22 Bilk of singular amount of money (5)

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