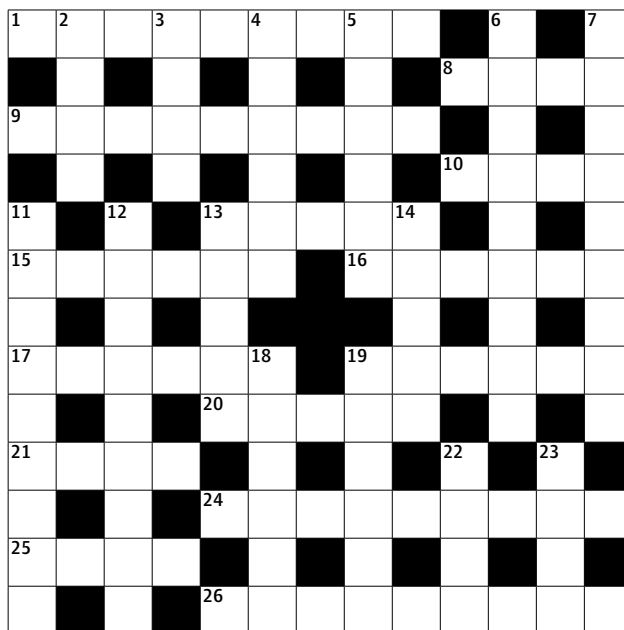


Quick crossword no 12,535



Across

- 1 Turn down – drink (5,4)
 8 Prickly seed case that clings to clothing (4)
 9 Self-service restaurant (9)
 10 Platform (4)
 13 Deficient (5)
 15 Gumshoe (6)
 16 Merchant (6)
 17 Greek island – British-born South African statesman (6)
 19 Discharge (6)
 20 Seafood (5)
 21 Ringle (4)
 24 Kitchen utensil (3-6)
 25 Japanese wrestling (4)
 26 It improves the chances of success! (4,5)

- 18 Place of worship (6)
 19 Old man (anag) (6)
 22 Handled (4)
 23 Durability (4)

Down

- 2 Verging on (4)
 3 Masticate (4)
 4 Shrink back (6)
 5 Customer (6)
 6 In every respect (3,3,3)
 7 Thwart (9)
 11 Send to Coventry (9)
 12 Histrionics – sensational play (9)
 13 Scatter (5)
 14 Deceive (5)

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