

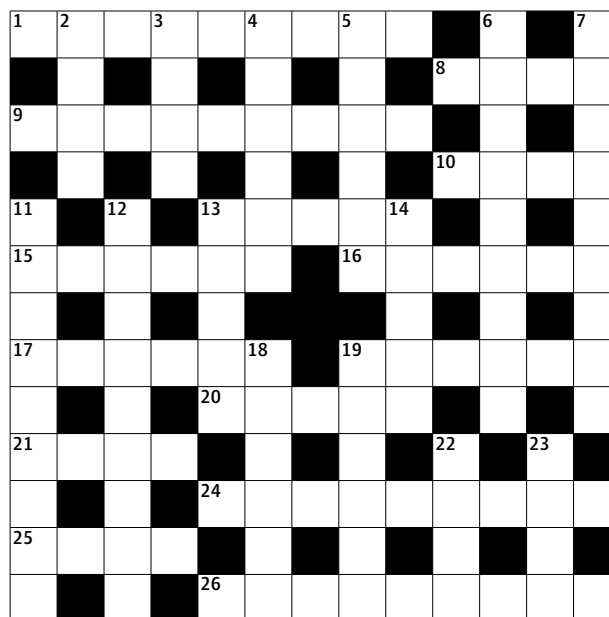
## Quick crossword no 12,697

### Across

- 1** Deficit (9)  
**8** (Revolving) cylinder (4)  
**9** Carry forward by force (9)  
**10** Cosy (4)  
**13** Concerning (5)  
**15** Aristocratic (6)  
**16** Wizard (6)  
**17** Be on familiar terms (with) (6)  
**19** Tins need one (6)  
**20** Engage lightheartedly in amorous banter (5)  
**21** Main vertical spar of vessel (4)  
**24** Puzzling, like the Sphinx (9)  
**25** Move through water (4)  
**26** Group set up to consider various problems (5,4)

### Down

- 2** Stag (4)  
**3** Anger – fashion (4)  
**4** Feeble – overweight (6)  
**5** Ancient Greek school (6)  
**6** Stiff fabric in Victorian costume (9)  
**7** Unreal (9)  
**11** One seeking to produce gold, elixirs etc (9)  
**12** Trunk (9)  
**13** Standing apart (5)  
**14** Put to the test (5)  
**18** Whiten (6)  
**19** Source (6)  
**22** Lure (4)  
**23** Put one's name to a document (4)



### Solution no 12,696

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