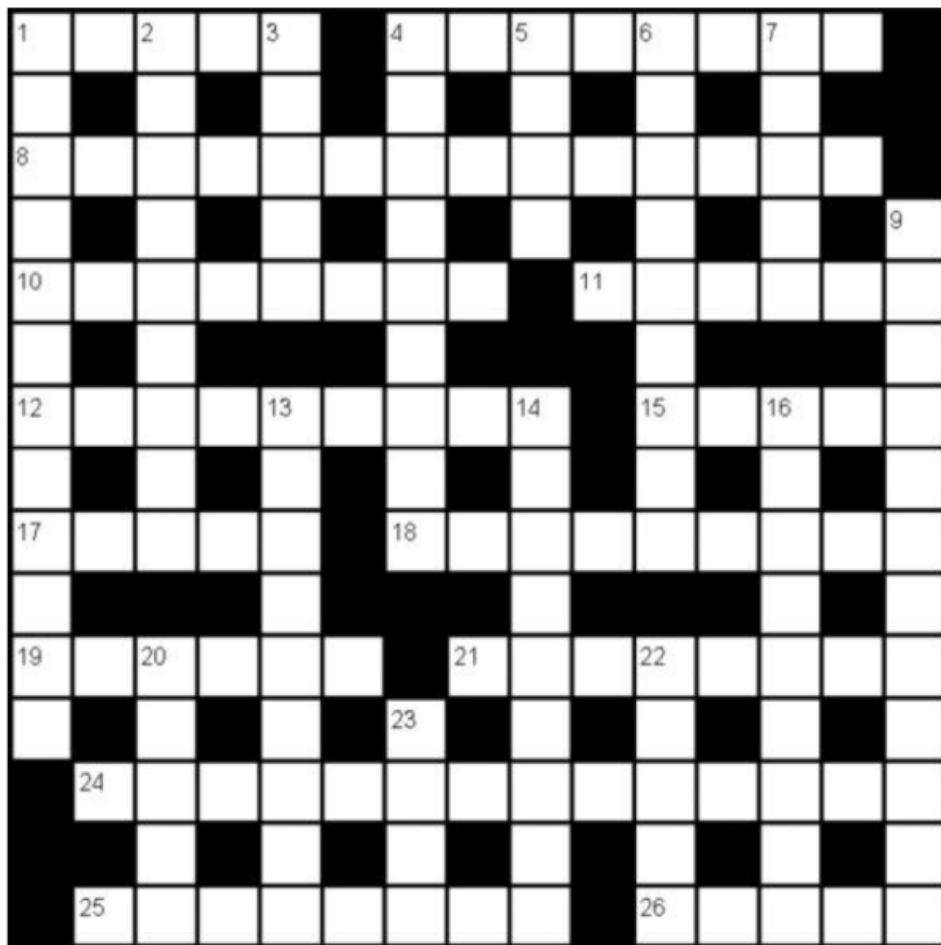


Crossword Competition



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4s and 5s are all 7s, so only partially clued.

Across

1. Firstly, test if blood entered river (5)
4. Do nameless parents make acceptable parents? (8)
8. Coward's patriotic flag-waver, or a Grace Brothers' mission statement? (2,5,2,5)
10. Dental student's fear — or joy? (4,4)
11. A mistake at the junction horrifies (6)
12. To cut, a corset is relaxed (9)
15. Took horse to Scotland? — more the bus from Shrewsbury! (5)
17. Several Heavens (5)
18. MD, no hoper, may look overweight (9)
19. People mounted additions to contract (6)
21. Ribs that broke are obnoxious (8)
24. Tempestuous spirit's 9.144 metre sounding (4,6,4)
25. Soft shoe shuffle is no scam (8)
26. Managed church (5)

Down

1. It may be no more gritty, considering all the angles (12)
2. Leading medieval naval weapons platform, east London fortress (9)
3. Inheriting half the proceeds (5)
4. It is a rash time to be in retreat (9)
5. Is monarchy overdrawn? (4)
6. As a result of using mere froth (9)
7. Flower, a French bank flower (5)
9. Screen chef — he used diced brie! (6,6)
13. Get golden salt air treatment here? (9)
14. An 18 fashion, with MO in a swap, gets nature's well-being drug (9)
16. Antipodean Scot (!)? No, a true believer in the effects of breeding (9)
20. Grim cipher (5)
22. Troops cause damage (5)
23. 40% of '92 treaty? (4)