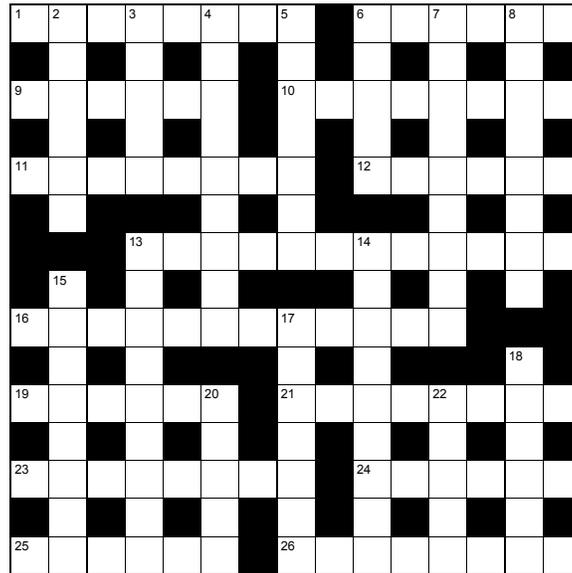


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ACROSS

- 1 Fought when thrown out (8)
- 6 Architectural style from Morocco losing initial character, possibly (6)
- 9 Hollywood actor's pleasure trip (6)
- 10 Paper money's first counted out (8)
- 11 He links criminal to one capital city (8)
- 12 Arouse excitement of purist (4,2)
- 13 Oriental shaman finally in control of religious group (12)
- 16 Obtuse Clancy novel providing fun for kids (6,6)
- 19 A single drink for Eugene (6)
- 21 Dictator beheaded poor youth leader – terrible act (8)
- 23 Norm takes one lover then another (8)
- 24 Revealing title of novel carried by agent (6)
- 25 Is scornful, upsetting Rene's son (6)
- 26 Bet placed in 30 seconds? Wrong (8)

DOWN

- 2 Opera for motor mechanics? (6)
- 3 Boxer wants a second assumed name (5)
- 4 When one's expecting, say, to be taken on by PR woman (9)
- 5 Lawyer is mad about art movement (7)
- 6 Competitions for more than one nation (5)
- 7 Board for one in mental hospital? (9)
- 8 He knows tricks to deceive one serving in court (8)
- 13 Belittle Ted in rage, stupidly (9)
- 14 They barely exist (9)
- 15 Horse has a fashionable height (8)
- 17 Shortest gent is one of the strongest (7)
- 18 Essential office item (6)
- 20 Retreats without authorisation by chief of staff (5)
- 22 Companion at home needs a mate (5)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 scrapped. 6 rococo. 9 cruise. 10 document. 11 Helsinki. 12 stir up. 13 denomination. 16 bouncy castle. 19 Onegin. 21 atrocity. 23 paramour. 24 skimpy. 25 sneers. 26 mistaken.

DOWN

2 carmen. 3 alias. 4 pregnancy. 5 Dadaism. 6 races. 7 committee. 8 conjuror. 13 denigrate. 14 naturists. 15 mountain. 17 anagram. 18 staple. 20 nooks. 22 china.