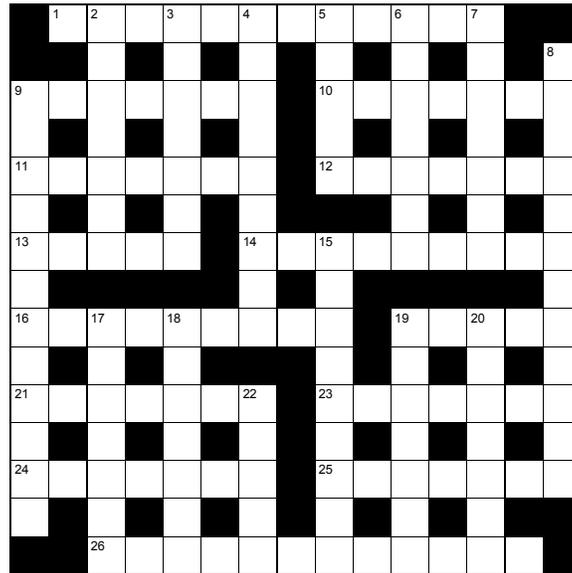


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ACROSS

- 1 What's-his-name is lanky, sticky fellow (12)
- 9 Aviatrix gives listener courage we hear (7)
- 10 Some birds do this at the speed of a fighter plane? (7)
- 11 About to be taking drug to ease pain (7)
- 12 A moist perfume ultimately designed to make fine spray (7)
- 13 Petty quarrel involving river fish (5)
- 14 Failure to notice supervision (9)
- 16 Suitable means to an end (9)
- 19 Rex gets stuck into finest French port (5)
- 21 I tried swimming with Penny in disturbed sea (4,3)
- 23 Foster child's fuss disturbed Pete (7)
- 24 Terrible cruelty with knives perhaps (7)
- 25 I'd plunged into river to find spear (7)
- 26 Furniture of actor's assistant from Cardiff? (5,7)

DOWN

- 2 Athlete Ben led off run (7)
- 3 Closest home houses a Royal Engineer (7)
- 4 Crazy place to find flag? (2,3,4)
- 5 Old lady captivates a doctor with snake (5)
- 6 Plant causing disappearance of pests? (7)
- 7 Putting up with demeanour (7)
- 8 Teen regrets bad time in London thoroughfare (6,6)
- 9 They don't want to see Brussels sprout! (12)
- 15 One removes former motor vehicle (9)
- 17 Flat pack from Cornish town (7)
- 18 Writer is awfully rude about Rugby's first students (7)
- 19 They give better odds (7)
- 20 Militant leader in Exeter excited radical (7)
- 22 Mentally defeat some tipsy characters (5)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 thingummybob. 9 Earhart. 10 migrate. 11 relieve. 12 atomise. 13 sprat. 14 oversight. 16 expedient. 19 Brest. 21 tide-rip. 23 adoptee. 24 cutlery. 25 trident. 26 Welsh dresser.

DOWN

2 hurdler. 3 nearest. 4 up the pole. 5 mamba. 6 bugloss. 7 bearing. 8 Regent Street. 9 Eurosceptics. 15 extractor. 17 PADSTOW. 18 Durrell. 19 bookies. 20 extreme. 22 psych.