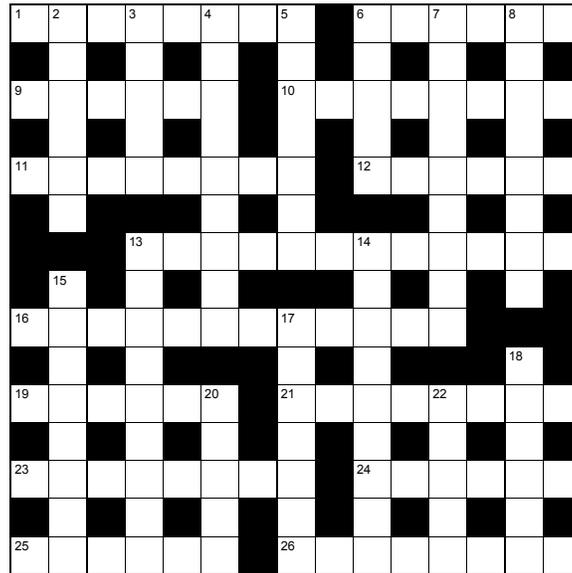


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ACROSS

- 1 He helps those lost for words (8)
- 6 Letter from Europe takes time to reach Mark (6)
- 9 Society leader frequently shows temper (6)
- 10 Request certain to provide delight (8)
- 11 Nice policeman? (8)
- 12 Fatigued when restricting Ecstasy in ranks (6)
- 13 Mother, awfully sad at heart, is absolutely crazy (3,2,1,6)
- 16 Singer is against note being heard (7-5)
- 19 Credit given to goddess in difficult time (6)
- 21 Bloomer left social worker in agony (8)
- 23 Control price of fashion? (8)
- 24 Left in centre of spooky Portuguese city (6)
- 25 Yankee almost upset North African (6)
- 26 They pay for colonisers (8)

DOWN

- 2 Tradesman ho spends a day on the tiles? (6)
- 3 Subdued slander about Lawrence (5)
- 4 Not up to game in Kentish Town (9)
- 5 Restrain salesman on ship (7)
- 6 Caught a whiff of fish (5)
- 7 Edited one script for Morse? (9)
- 8 Concerning racehorse, raised Cain perhaps (8)
- 13 Brothers are kept in order here (9)
- 14 Stay to suspend a fight (4,5)
- 15 Two pairs make 'em we're told (8)
- 17 Put the French in elevated spot offering view of Bristol (7)
- 18 Very cold beer (6)
- 20 Blemish isn't a problem (5)
- 22 Ring about right nuisance on the internet (5)

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SOLUTION

1	P	2	R	3	O	M	4	P	5	T	E	R	6	S	7	T	I	8	G	M	A	
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ACROSS

1 prompter. 6 stigma. 9 soften. 10 pleasure. 11 gendarme. 12 tiered. 13 mad as a hatter. 16 counter-tenor. 19 crisis. 21 plantain. 23 moderate. 24 Oporto. 25 Kenyan. 26 settlers.

DOWN

2 roofer. 3 muted. 4 Tonbridge. 5 repress. 6 smelt. 7 inspector. 8 murderer. 13 monastery. 14 hang about. 15 foursome. 17 topless. 18 bitter. 20 stain. 22 troll.