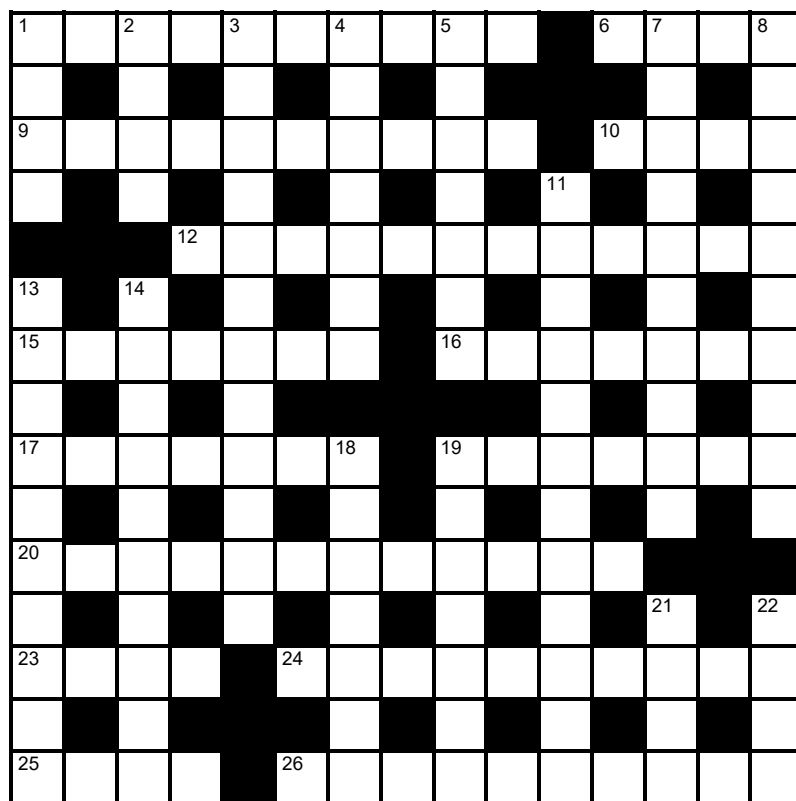


Across

- 1 Gershwin's mathematics, richly played periodically (10)
- 6 Two or-more noted 'I love you' said when 1/8? (4)
- 9 Kindly perform with energy and soul (10)
- 10 A small one of Humph's crotchets? (4)
- 12 Snapper without the snap, after a top-shelf mag; Richard Desmond, allegedly (12)
- 15 Vietnamese soups? Nice, but not easy to say (7)



- 16 Flower; possibly Hamlet's fiance says Chilcott (7)
- 17 Much room in style of 6ac misheard by Dvorak (7)
- 19 PM relieved herself in flowers (7)
- 20 French oil and airline companies combine their IT; nice start of dominating tendency (12)
- 23 Test drugs; as many as possible on the way back. (4)
- 24 Pope's nemesis? (10)
- 25 Stick up or down to stop bleeding (4)

- 26 1ac, like a midget on the underground, but not pulling gravity (10)

Down

- 1 Indian beats head on rickety cooker (4)
- 2 A Bostonian - one with hosiery? New Yorkers do it without the drugs (4)
- 3 Various blacksmiths sing this way (12)
- 4 Lizards drunk using appropriate help group? (7)

- 5 For its age, this car's pretty brisk (7)
- 7 Apparently hand-rolled by proprietor (10)
- 8 Slowed down by marauding android rat (10)
- 11 Crying halt - acrimony reconsidered (12)
- 13 Out of booze and fed-up (10)
- 14 Drug deal (5,5)
- 18 Initially landing badly on airstrip common-name home of workers (3,4)

- 19 Walker in 1ac style around Offa's Dyke? (7)
- 21 Start to whisper; such careless acting by them? (4)
- 22 Slashing an Eskimo's building blocks - what a story (4)