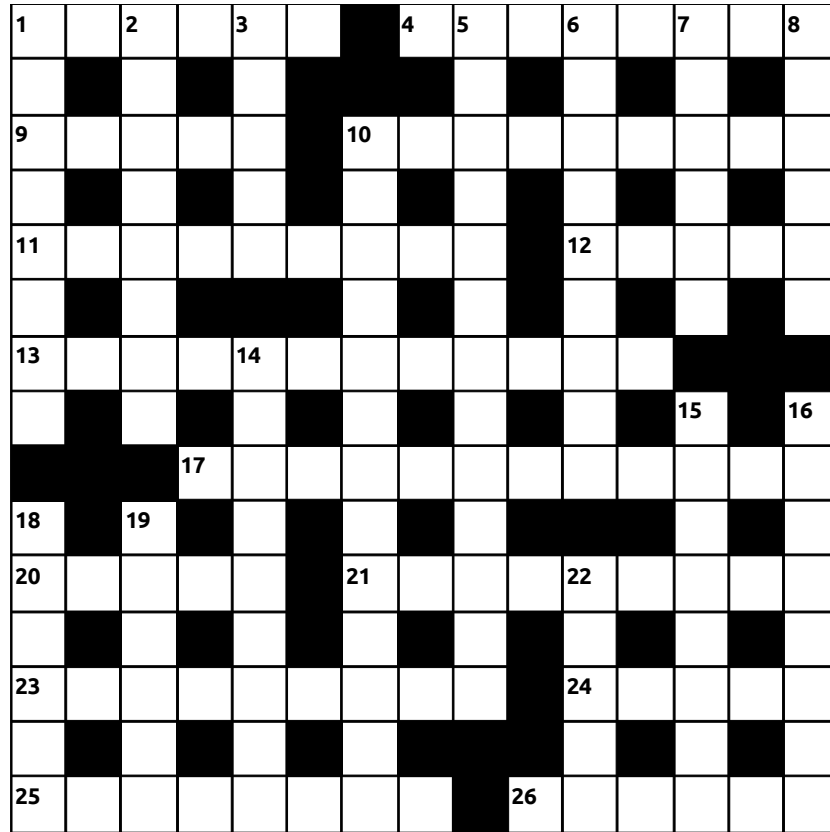


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Cryptic crossword #8

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All down clues are 17-across and thus an element of each of their definitions makes use of this ability.

ACROSS

- 1 Picasso evens out crumbliest model (6)
- 4 Wickedly suggest pinching his novel (8)
- 9 Heron mangled European flower (5)
- 10 Onus on ICU doctor is unremarkable (9)
- 11 Hunting goddess returned top quality mugwort (9)
- 12 Run away to get married at English pole dance (5)
- 13 Baritone got our treble sacked (6,6)
- 17 On the other hand, just as well stadium boxer lost (12)
- 20 Hold sway among foreigners (5)
- 21 Train once to decrease harsh sound? (4,5)
- 23 State prepares fit, fast servers (4,5)
- 24 First appearance of the Bedside Butcher (5)
- 25 Workers surrounded by broken steel components (8)
- 26 Judge fools leading solicitor (6)

DOWN

- 1 Pilates class sounds like affectations (8)
- 2 Terry's underground chasing dope (4,4)
- 3 See LED illuminates last band? (5)
- 5 Volatile regional mufti prayed with clubs? (9,4)
- 6 Pool weather popular with Attlee (9)
- 7 Robin missed opening of *John Brack Magic* (6)
- 8 Seem upset with last two characters of Danny Glover? They're likely to? (3-3)
- 10 Partly financing it is irregular (13)
- 14 Rook back on king-eight initially, skirts edges of checkmate (9)
- 15 Flight provoking four? (8)
- 16 File proof material for online shopping company embracing finest (8)
- 18 B-blues echo lead casually (6)
- 19 Folk died violently getting intravenous injection (6)
- 22 Herr Himmler's first promotion preceded South Eastern uprising (5)