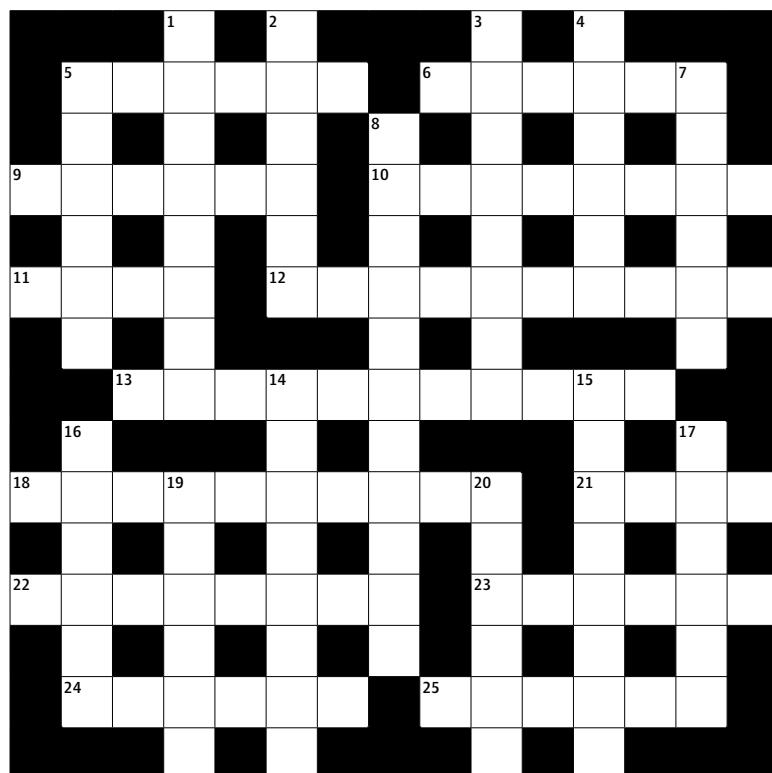


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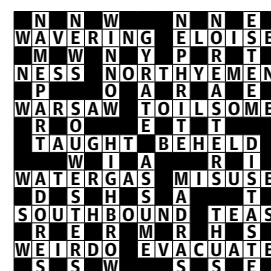
Across

- 5 Islander heading for cinema rushed to catch film (6)
- 6 Picked up doughnut for some stars (6)
- 9 Conservative chap's into S&M, creating division (6)
- 10 Oh dear! Is ground in country no longer? (8)
- 11 Native American's somewhat faddish opinions (4)
- 12 What disciplinarians read has man involved in threesome with delicacy (3,4,3)
- 13 Some wood covered in fancy polish – it's for expert in 8s, say (11)
- 18 Outdid frames art gallery trialed (4-6)
- 21 Going out with partner once having personal charm (4)
- 22 Ambassador willing to accept honour for England at Wembley, say? (4,4)
- 23 Nurse only half pens records for medical problem (6)
- 24 Satisfied about cool ending of Rameau composition (6)
- 25 I'm not sure about small-scale rebellion (6)

Down

- 1 One dwelt towards the north, given case of Scotch that's very bad (8)
- 2 Rodent raised two male animals (6)
- 3 Paddling in ocean incredibly good (8)
- 4 Primitive fellow's grave (6)
- 5 Firms working to provide protective covering (6)
- 7 Cut treatment for side pain (6)
- 8 Queen dons anorak, European queen that's one of thirteen characters across here (5,6)
- 14 Oscillations in air currents or foliage around east and west (3,5)
- 15 Rogue peed in vessel for disinfectant (5,3)
- 16 Having eaten up a bagel, say, marines get out of shape (6)
- 17 Energise two classical sextets, faintly disheartened (6)
- 19 Getting on and being in harmony but not touching (6)
- 20 Fight you heard on street during party (4-2)

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