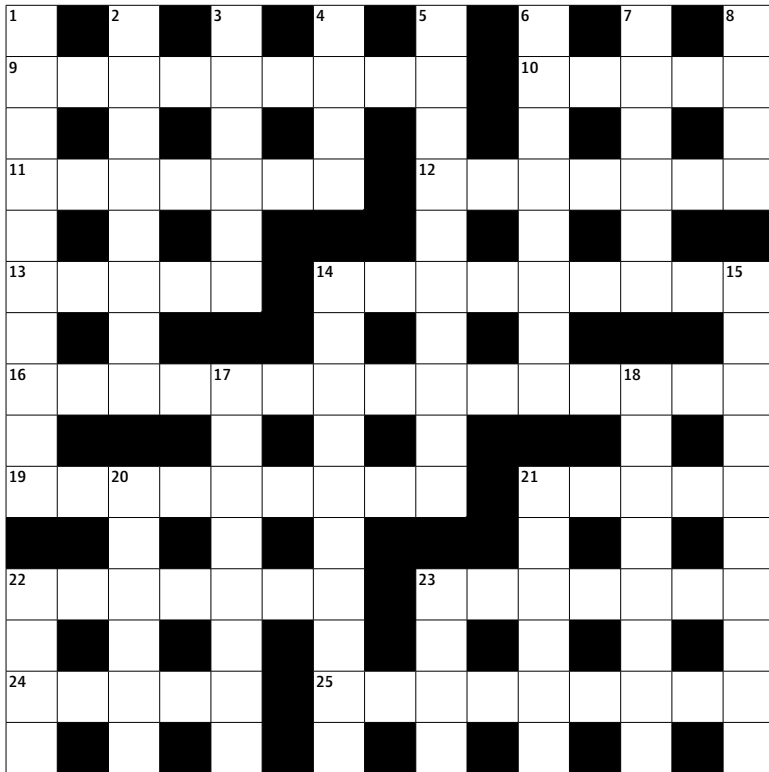


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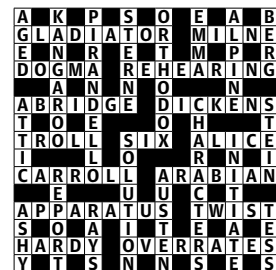
- 9** Not on the level? Dunno, Paw tricked over 500 (2-3-4)
- 10** Neighbour of 7 right at home wearing nothing (5)
- 11** How many like to solve crosswords in theory? (2,5)
- 12** When reviewing, I used to love her work about new frog genus (7)
- 13** They're not free to work (5)
- 14** Breeding grebes in a N Pacific location (6,3)
- 16** Yes, I will get move to Reform ... and put the boot in? (4.2,4-5)
- 19** Moves casually round hotel, speed initially being ineffective (9)
- 21** Books sweetheart into empty Montreal accommodation (5)
- 22** Type of sex from Thailand grotesque - runs to join in (7)
- 23** Skirt covering nether regions the French rejected for beachwear (7)
- 24** Wrong about hidden warning (5)
- 25** Do something about sealing gap over light (3,4,2)

**Down**

- 1** Revealed by this fog breaking up? Hardly (3,2,5)

- 2** Master on board climbing wooden mast stops playing (8)
- 3** Assumes trouble with Potus regularly (6)
- 4** I don't like that Republican lout (4)
- 5** One following gets careless, almost dying (2,8)
- 6** Mint tea with a touch of nutmeg added (5-3)
- 7** 'Animals' in Post Office beginning to sweat (6)
- 8** Sense it could be largely pointless (4)
- 14** Like Kelvin and the others in bed, not a reliable type (6,4)
- 15** Scrap music hall staple (3,3,4)
- 17** Where you may find me contracted not natural (8)
- 18** Where do soldiers go? Are they required at the front during occupations? (8)
- 20** They have a point, debtors admitting (6)
- 21** Insect (a different one) is trapped under Tom's foot (6)
- 22** Both gutted he's out? Flipping rubbish! (4)
- 23** My best friend's letter to Times? (4)

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