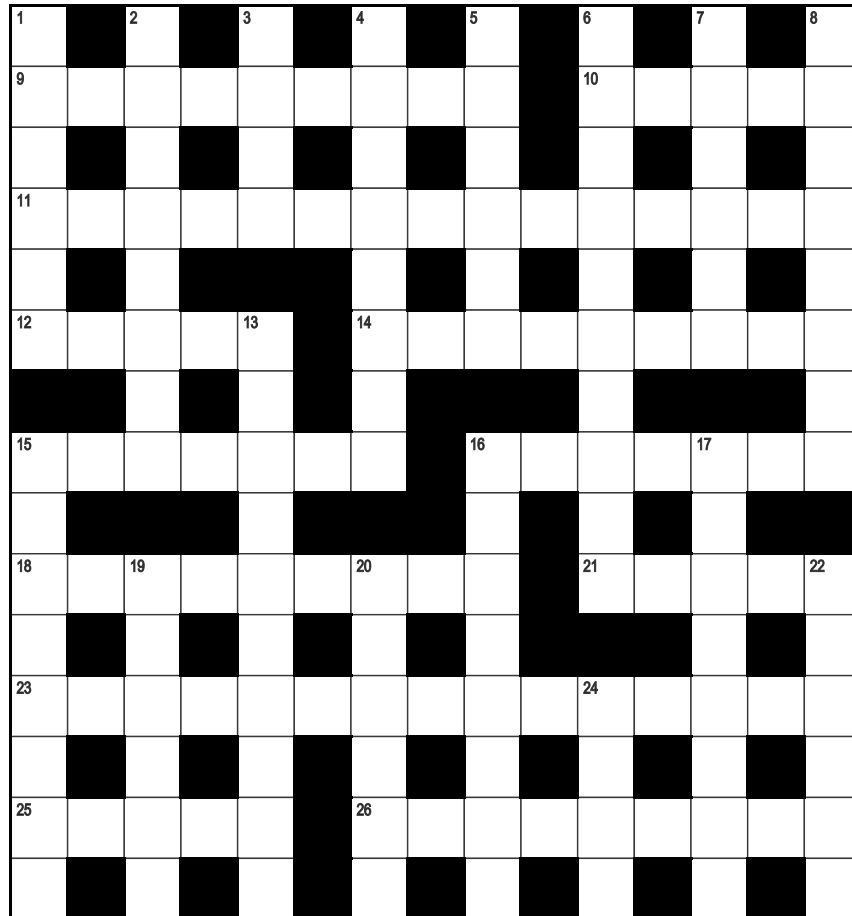


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Across:

- 9 Empty envelopes mailed to first person at a lake that's central to cryptics (9)
- 10 Cool house with a grand bathroom in England (5)
- 11 Confers with characters as needed for Bible citations? (5-10)
- 12 Newer, authentic boomerangs filled with core of driftwood (5)
- 14 Somehow see our way to return to duties (2,3,4)
- 15 Gamble ten cents, promoting diamonds when about to retire (7)
- 16 One who frolics with someone on the bridge? (7)
- 18 23a cuts half of wire supporter embedded in spot (9)
- 21 Intel extracted from evaluating suspect fruit (5)
- 23 Revolutionary reorganizing parts of countries (15)
- 25 Elbow on guide grew every so often (5)
- 26 Exploit issue embraced by a rude oddball (9)

Down:

- 1 Writer's contributing to alcoholic nephew's upbringing (6)
- 2 Went along with everyone, with shirt tucked in, composed (8)
- 3 Finishes remodeling dens (4)
- 4 Educated on "Introduction to Economic Value" (8)
- 5 Lady finally strips, upset and tired (6)
- 6 Polishing fancy hunting knife with tips removed (4-6)
- 7 Unfinished clock he turns into a cover (6)
- 8 Heard the Reverend took the Lord's name in vain, pale, and recant (8)
- 13 Man covered with ugly red bruise getting paid back (10)
- 15 Delivered steak cut to associate (8)
- 16 Car loses back end; it flips, dumping contents of vehicle - it might knock you out (8)
- 17 Mike supports scheme involving titanium, uranium, and a precious metal (8)
- 19 Vampires identified surrounding lodge (6)
- 20 Parks in regions encircling capital of Norway (6)
- 22 Those people behind article and musical composition (6)
- 24 Scattered from beginning to end with boasts (4)