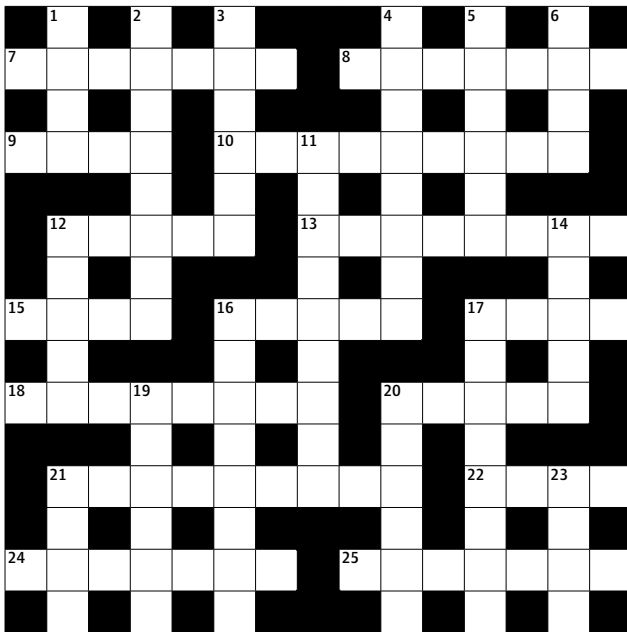


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Across

- 7 See 12
 8 Car shows vigour around street, reaching 50 (7)
 9 Car's board to break – a bit (4)
 10 One seeking to form a contract with special agent? Not I! (9)
 12,7 Male spins off after putting race car in reverse – that's sweet (5,7)
 13 Trespass, while refining crude (8)
 15,6 Craft fancy robe in car (8)
 16 Car from Leeds (5)
 17,17down Car operating perfectly starts to make a comeback, then place number one returned – here? (4,8)
 18 Car knowledge assimilated by college official (8)
 20 Rover possibly, growling (5)
 21 Negative attitude in belief inspiring achievement (9)
 22 Seemingly the same thing, core of victory and Triumph! (4)
 24 Red small Mini? (7)
 25 Good character offered drug after drug (7)

Down

- 1 Car upset Muhammad Ali's boxing? (4)
 2 Fabric in bread and water (8)
 3 Malevolent type average, that is (6)
 4 Appreciative, having fat and gruel in a stew (8)
 5 In Senna's car, indomitable former Formula One champion (6)
 6 See 15
 11 Slides, as sliding slides (9)
 12 British general, leader in Calcutta as it happens (5)
 14 17 down like a bird? (5)
 16 Promoted jerks leave Heath (8)
 17 See 17 across
 19 A Morris, neat car (6)
 20 Bee car (6)
 21 Dodge for nothing (4)
 23 Some Bugatti on Automobile Island (4)

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