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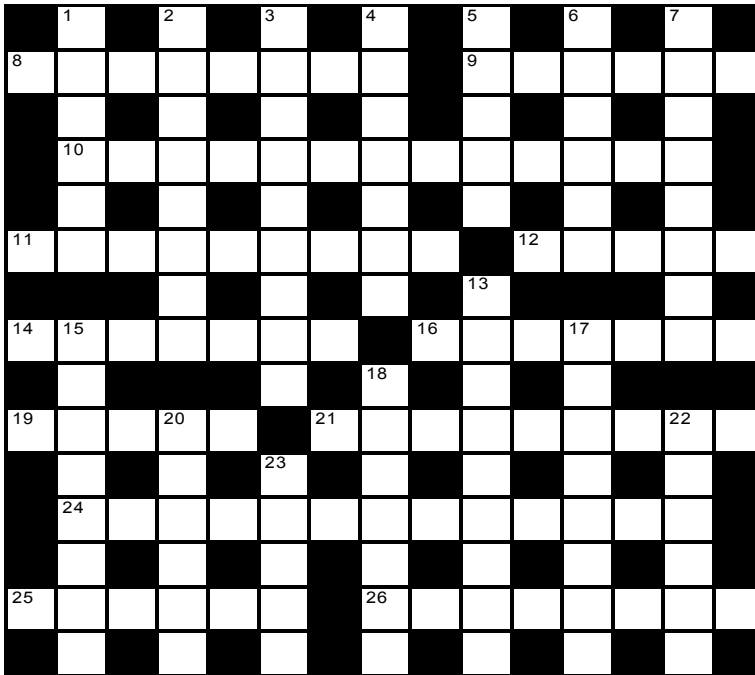
ACROSS

8 Extremely insalubrious brown animal not back in city (8)

9 Novel about trouble for Eastern leader (6)

10 Voyeur on trial, criminal in novel (13)

11 Story about neighbouring lives to set straight in a series (9)

12 Vehicle in recess reversing with velocity (5)

14 Return of one of the 1 having ID (7)

16 Shake with unease, ultimately retreating untrained for combat (4,3)

19 Island country hasn't deserted capital (5)

21 When travelling, atlas gets used and abused (9)

24 Brooding opening piece, involving piano (13)

25 Start with surprised expression to fix home (6)

26 Start of trumpeting to encourage half-hearted angel (8)

DOWN

1 French department's holding posh shields (6)

2 Place to learn language, including verb and everything (8)

3 Follower of Attlee is left-leaning (9)

4 Winner almost failing with stratagems, it's said (7)

5 Businesses are providing drink (5)

6 Destroy scripture that's in fashion (6)

7 Killer with hard axes, one leader in army — it could be lethal (8)

13 Journo and merchant speaking in underground room (9)

15 Monkey around repeatedly in lake (8)

17 Self-destructive person back from brink — risk regularly accepted in shock (8)

18 Eyes may be tense, two drugs getting knocked back (4-3)

20 Heavenly object I put in place of worship (6)

22 Did forward line watch? (6)

23 Bird loves to be by grass (5)