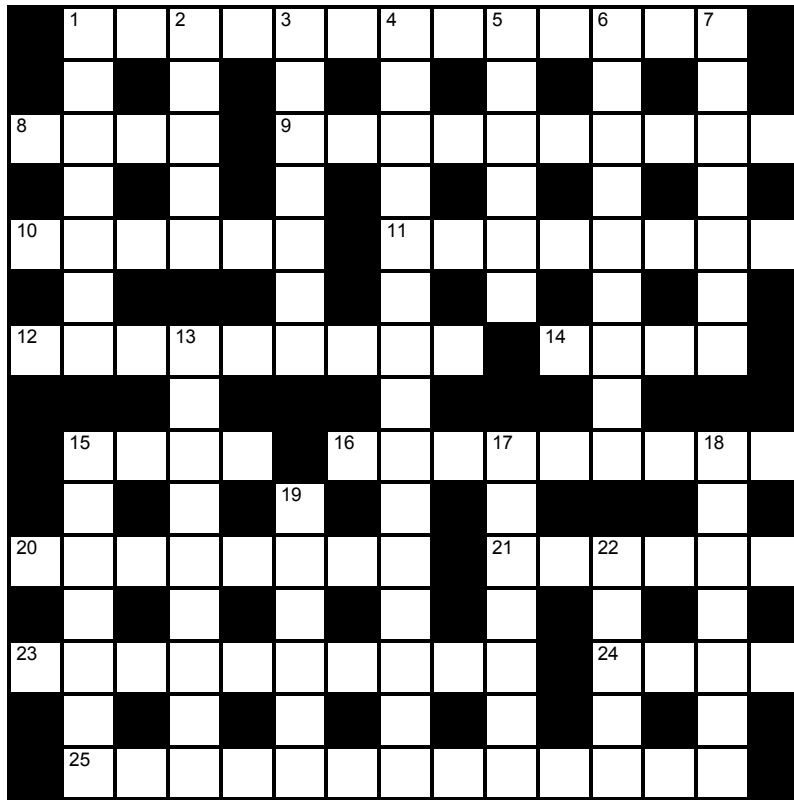


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**Across**

- 1 Pens directive out of Naval Observatory (4,9)
- 8 Rebuffed, it follows monster (4)
- 9 Complete spectacle makes terminal mistakes (10)
- 10 Pygmy, oddly, taller after burning (6)
- 11 Part exchanges hands finally after cast trained (5-3)
- 12 Pages (white, extremely acidic) smell fine (5,4)
- 14 Coordinate bits in odd sack (4)
- 15 Together, we make soup without essential herbs (4)
- 16 Unpopular lamp polisher speaks about best part of youth (5,4)
- 20 This part is a meaty role, and maybe comes from Riva (8)
- 21 Passer sacked - incomplete (6)
- 23 Boot is partly sealed with paste (10)
- 24 Enjoying popular review of books (4)
- 25 Plane decoration a conspicuous success (6,7)

**Down**

- 1 Mogul's heart is coated with varnish, outside-in (7)
- 2 Went slowly, holding back 8% (5)
- 3 Quietly spin up intake of saw (7)
- 4 Described by Max, well exciting, game not played inside (15)
- 5 Three Cardinals I'm describing from crotch to ankle (6)
- 6 Perceptive journalist describes agreement about musical show (5-4)
- 7 Ship in the way of Saturn (7)
- 13 In war games, the only winning move is putting a penny into any lotto scheme (3,2,4)
- 15 Court official heard of aromatic herb (3,4)
- 17 Varys isn't leaving Lannisters a supply of weapons (7)
- 18 Absolutely is turned into snowmen (3,2,2)
- 19 Blind revolutionary enabled writer of 18 down (6)
- 22 Farewell, Araucaria. Crossword cognoscenti salute you at the end (5)