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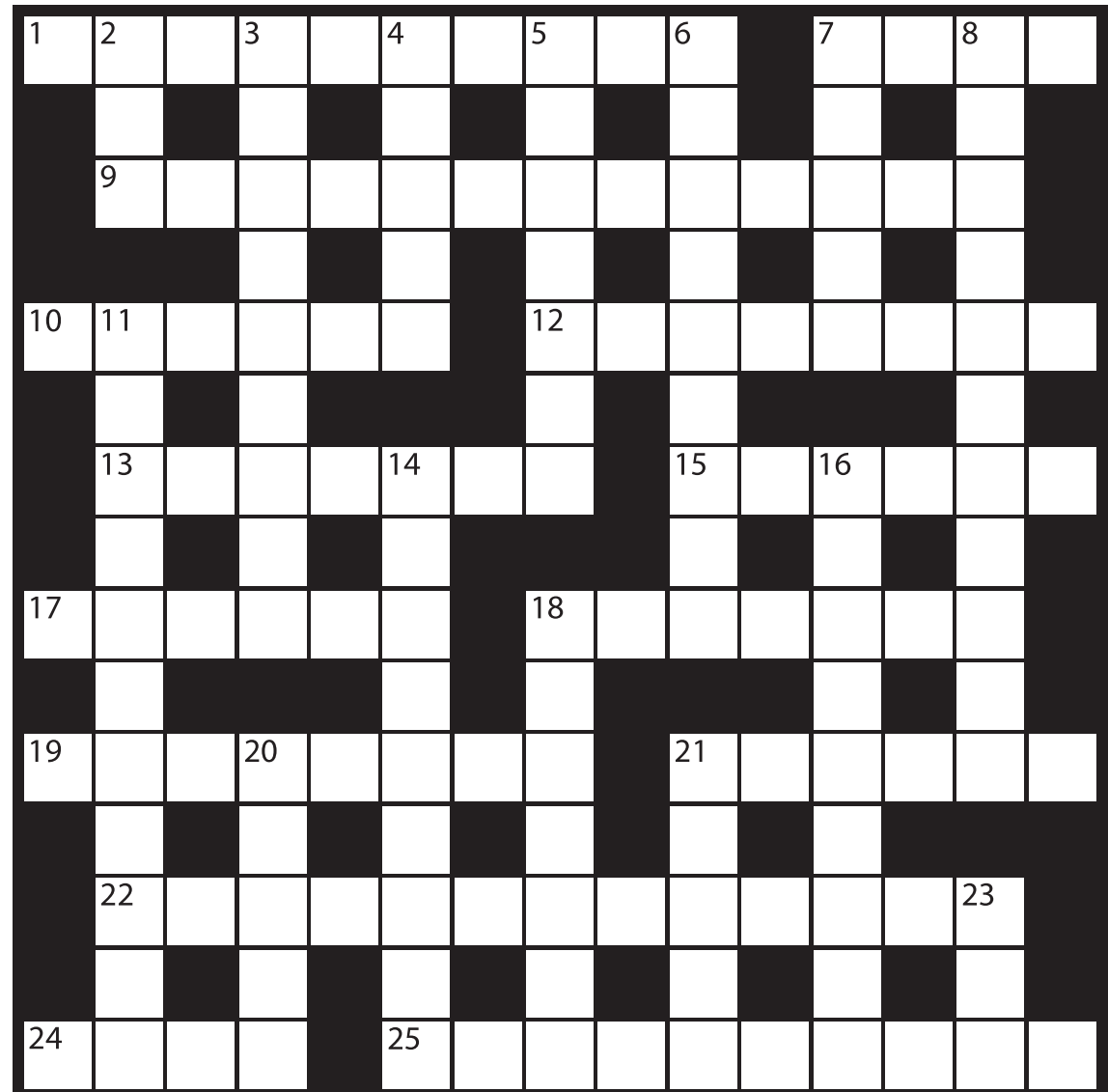
- 1 They hide stuff so Clarence gets all mixed up (10)
 7 Ceremonial staff and old lady seen by church (4)
 9 New topic on mental and spiritual reflection (13)
 10 French and English articles editor listed (6)
 12 Latest of machines: it pulps nuts as well as separates (6,2)
 13 Boozer that's crazy about one female server (7)
 15 Good workers will hold right permits (6)
 17 Unlawful act associated with a disputed region (6)
 18 Country led by strong-arm criminal (7)
 19 Music producers rubbish European in Gladys's backing group (8)
 21 A mostly talkative one and I played tennis (6)
 22 Isn't calling it silly brilliant? (13)
 24 Ruddy duck going over European river (4)
 25 Ill-treated fellow European goes through tough times (4,4,2)

DOWN

- 2 Fictional killer of Raymond Chandler originally (3)
 3 Problem prisoner a Parisian beat (9)
 4 Blokes should be in commercial? That's correct! (5)
 5 Old flame that's sat for an artist naked (7)
 6 Stationery cupboard item fool tangles up (6,3)
 7 Slightly wet duck seen in light fog (5)
 8 Specialists defraud Muslim leaders over time (11)
 11 Amber pants with a dress that's red (11)

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- 14 Tough time had with a terrible allotment? (1,3,5)
 16 Love helping to support a social event (9)
 18 A stock taker wanted by the law? (7)
 20 Monk who is a nosey parker, so I'm told (5)
 21 A conflict over Day-Lewis' first Oscar? (5)
 23 Bad-tempered woman comes round for a chat (3)