

**ACROSS**

- 8 Boy about to ring one for a shallot (8)  
 9 Female warrior, the South American flower (6)  
 10 Tall pine (4)  
 11 Troublesome terns eat in harbours (10)  
 12 Photograph monster plant (10)  
 14 Reportedly, the man would obey (4)  
 15 Valour shown by foreign power's soldiers initially (7)  
 16 Withdraw from race with minor injury (7)  
 20 Attempt to pierce with a knife (4)  
 22 Fencer once rearranged meeting (10)  
 23 Enthusiastic about country's way of speaking (10)  
 24 Wooden shoe left in machinery part (4)  
 25 Company man is convincing (6)  
 26 Deliver diamonds in German city (4,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Large glass sailing ship (8)  
 2 Fellow prisoner produces a banner (4)  
 3 Dismiss members with guns (8)  
 4 Performing deer is kept in one (2,5)  
 5 Sponsor of two little boys (6)  
 6 Soldier and sherpa abroad, translate (10)  
 7 Puma at first, then snow leopard, attack (6)  
 13 Uncle, with chess piece, damaged king (10)  
 17 Nigel can, cooking and dusting (8)  
 18 Rides a bike, holding on in tropical storms (8)  
 19 Visible from trendy place, we hear (2,5)  
 21 Inferior metal cooking vessel (6)  
 22 Wily yachtsman's first after boat (6)  
 24 Cut a piece of meat (4)

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