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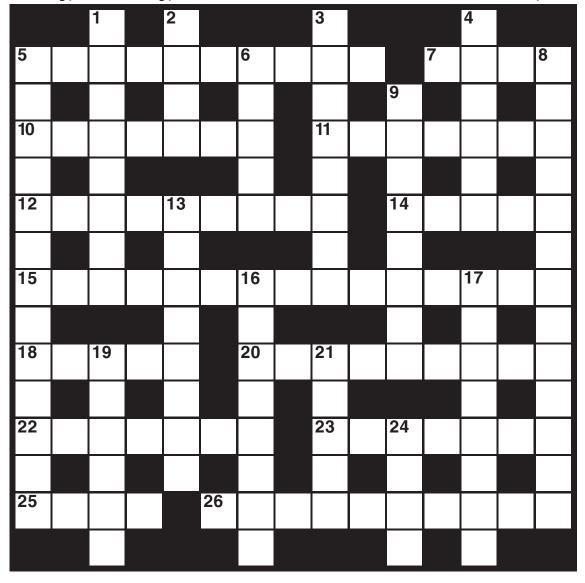
- 5 Quietly taking offence about making an introduction (10)
- 7 Applaud student in headwear (4)
- 10 We're yet to unearth bow source (3,4)
- **11** Being tolerant, allowed another nine inside (7)
- **12** Unwelcome guests more impolite covered in crawling nits (9)
- **14** Devoured at public school, we hear (5)
- **15** Flying crash familiar? He may sort it out (3,5,7)
- **18** After first of January, aunt reformed military government (5)
- 20 US bureau contains a claw here in Spain (9)
- 22 Batter some of castle's mound (7)
- **23** Just uttered a word of surprise on seeing Egyptian king (7)
- 25 Potato skins piled up delicious starters (4)
- 26 Listen to right spat about heated box (10)

DOWN

- 1 Various wet areas contain it (8)
- 2 One who inherits in catastrophe, irritatingly (4)
- **3** American icon man clues badly (5,3)
- 4 Most senior colonel destined to hide (6)
- **5** Yanks follow medical check with hard exercises (8,5)
- 6 Egotist's subject (5)
- 8 Obvious material used to make shoes (6,7)
- **9** Essential triangle broken up (8)
- 13 Disturbance may have Paul upset (8)

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- **16** Create moves under the work of Spielberg, and so on (2,6)
- 17 All-female gathering cheerful around new piano (3,5)
- 19 Cloud nine, beginning with one mile vehicle (6)
- 21 Put back with work included to raise the level (3,2)
- 24 Simple plant, ally gave half away (4)