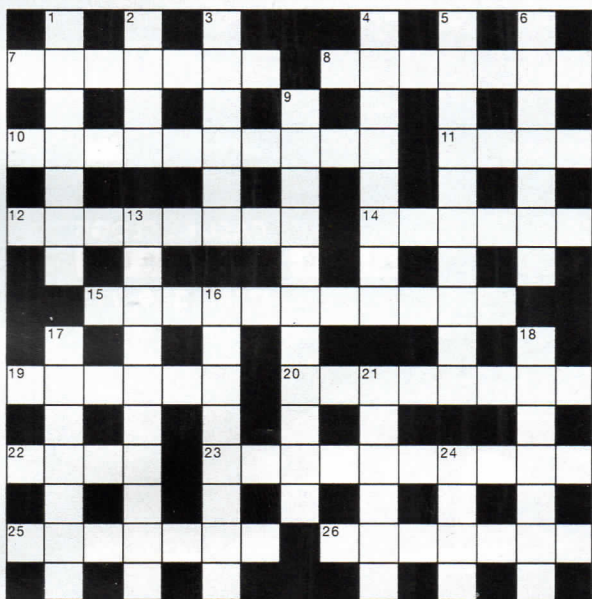


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## ACROSS

- 7 (and 11 across)** 14th-century hero (7,4)  
**8** A person who habitually imitates or mimics others (7)  
**10** Extremely strong country, eg, the USA (10)  
**11** See **7 across**  
**12** Emphatic, zealous (8)  
**14** Different, mixed, diverse (6)  
**15** Inconsistence, miscalculation (11)  
**19** Country (6)  
**20** Friskier, chirpier, busier (8)  
**22** Largest continent (4)  
**23** Hospital for the treatment

- of chronic diseases (10)  
**25** Expand, flourish, evolve (7)  
**26** Acute or excruciating distress (7)

## DOWN

- 1** Official record of the proceedings of a meeting (7)  
**2** Jubilant delight (4)  
**3** Specimen (6)  
**4** The capital city of Liberia (8)  
**5** Overwrought, delirious (10)  
**6** Moved very slowly, wasting time (7)  
**9** Country in which **7,11 across** lived (11)  
**13** Removed,

- got rid of (10)  
**16** Weapon with which **7,11 across** was a marksman (8)  
**17** Surname of the Austrian who made **7,11 across** shoot

- an apple off his own son's head (7)  
**18** Legacy, disposition in a will (7)  
**21** Choosing, opting (6)  
**24** Destroy, crush, scatter (4)

## SOLUTION TO NO 1,692

