

The Crusader's clues

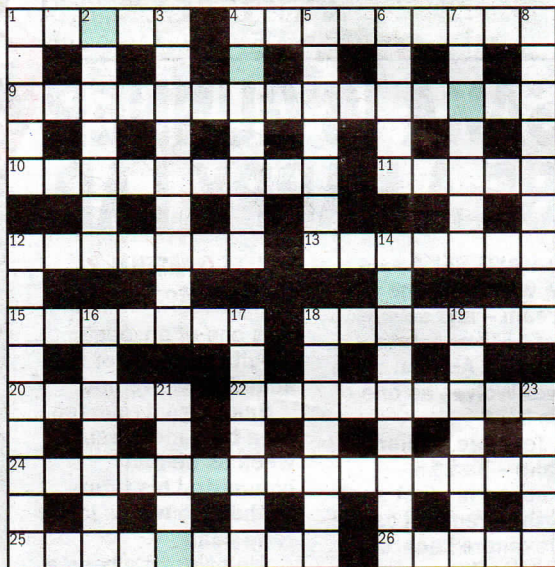
ACROSS

- 1 Copper base is cut up (5)
- 4 Issues of interest to champions... (9)
- 9 ...procuring evidence? (5,2,8)
- 10 Mild anger, aggravated (9)
- 11 Small fountain perhaps the first drained (5)
- 12 Fast stream split by a hill (7)
- 13 Poles separating trail back (7)
- 15 Soft fabric has hollow supporters (7)
- 18 Established faith, when it's adopted (7)
- 20 Quick knock leads to one door opening (5)
- 22 Curse a sea, facing it with a small metal paddle (9)
- 24 Card ref tore hence upset about (4,9,2)
- 25 Revived soldiers a doctor nonetheless kept back (9)
- 26 Impertinent claim about a ship (5)

DOWN

- 1 State "mine catch hell" (3,2)
- 2 Post-war baby has left in error (7)
- 3 Altered fender fit poorly (9)
- 4 Bold adept takes John to Jock (7)
- 5 An animal Mr Eliot charms (7)
- 6 Vehicle carrying a hundred thousand dollars! (5)
- 7 Housing a guy almost leases (7)
- 8 The elders used to be shady (9)
- 12 Excellent prize fund raised (3-6)
- 14 Conspicuous people making suggestions (9)
- 16 Terror alien to American driver (7)
- 17 Golfer upset, given bad take (7)
- 18 Show about an unclothed model (7)
- 19 Tools are inside drying things (7)
- 21 Inappropriate watercolour last by royal painter (5)
- 23 A piece of gold in place of pigs (5)

Cryptic clues from our knight, and quick clues from his squire, lead to the same answers in the Crusader's Sunday just



The Squire's clues

ACROSS

- 1 Diced (5)
- 4 Snags (9)
- 9 Receipt (5,2,8)
- 10 Abstemious (9)
- 11 Passed (time) (5)
- 12 Inundation (7)
- 13 Financial backer (7)
- 15 Pedestals (7)
- 18 Produced (7)
- 20 Quick-fire (5)
- 22 Large seabird (9)
- 24 Regarding (4,9,2)
- 25 Rising again (9)
- 26 Impudent (5)

DOWN

- 1 Get into trouble (3,2)
- 2 Boo-boo (7)
- 3 Contrasting (9)
- 4 Rebellious (7)
- 5 Talismans (7)
- 6 Male hares, deer etc. (5)
- 7 Alpine houses (7)
- 8 Protected (9)
- 12 Of the highest quality (3-6)
- 14 Implications (9)
- 16 Momentum (7)
- 17 Bit for a horse (7)
- 18 Floorshow (7)
- 19 Tools for plastering or gardening (7)
- 21 Albrecht ____, German artist (5)
- 23 Narrative (5)

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