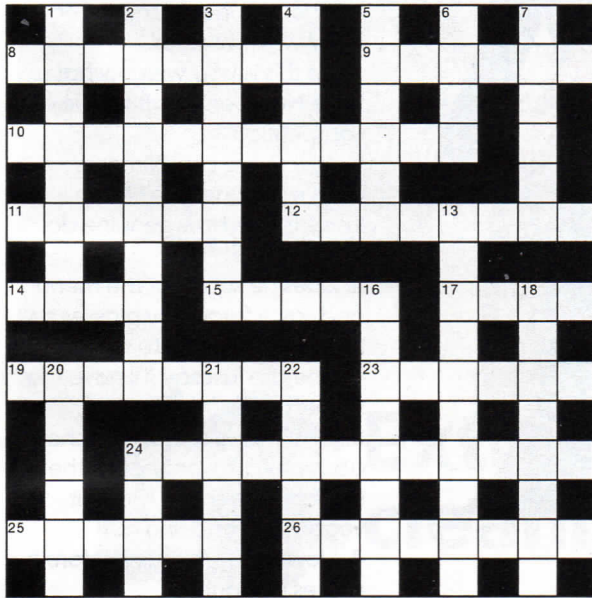


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ACROSS

- 8** Very high area with steep sides (8)
- 9** Pursue, trail (6)
- 10 8 across** system extending from Quebec in Canada to Alabama in the US (12)
- 11** River in India and Bangladesh (6)
- 12** 16th-century song for unaccompanied voices (8)
- 14** Rebuff, slight (4)
- 15 8 across** range in South America (5)
- 17** 500 sheets of paper (4)
- 19** Famished, starving (8)
- 23** Charm (6)

24 8 across

- range in East California (6,6)
- 25** Emerge, progress, develop (6)
- 26 8 across** range between France and Spain (8)

DOWN

- 1** Moan, whine, grumble (8)
- 2** Imponderable, indefinite, elusive (10)
- 3** Federation in South-East Asia which has Kuala Lumpur as its capital (8)
- 4** Song of loyalty or devotion - eg to a nation (6)
- 5** Frightened (6)
- 6 8 across** range in South-Central Europe (4)

- 7** The capital of Colombia (6)
- 13** Unrelated (10)
- 16** Tools which are proverbially unhelpful when thrown into the works (8)
- 18** Condensed, shortened (8)

- 20** Turn up (6)
- 21** Heeded, yielded (6)
- 22** Fights for the leftovers? (6)
- 24** Disposal of dirty French goods in a town in Northern England? (4)

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