

The Crusader's clues

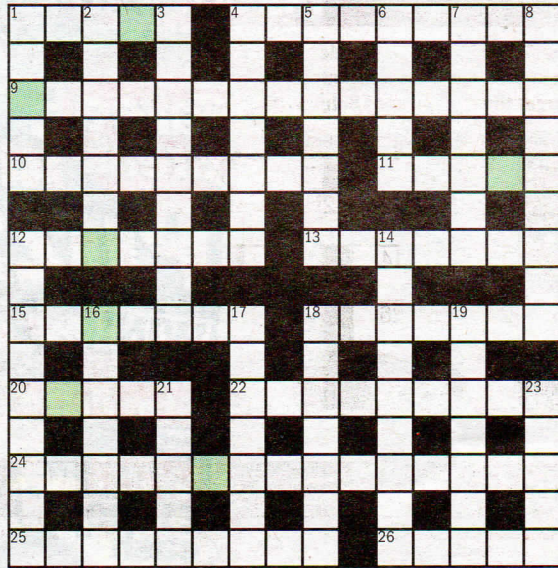
Cryptic clues from our knight, and quick clues from his squire, lead to the same answers in the Crusader's Sunday joust

ACROSS

- 1 Cuts from small darts (5)
- 4 Having support, endure (9)
- 9 A desire to have an interrogation broadcast before seven - is it wrong? (15)
- 10 Main rule for speakers (9)
- 11 He thought about a record, but only in part (5)
- 12 See past Scot getting flushed (7)
- 13 Best point raised about morose outsiders (7)
- 15 Grateful flower girl breaking into song (7)
- 18 Porter gripping half of door handle (4,3)
- 20 Perhaps the twentieth idea works (5)
- 22 Temporarily taking loot around leads to conflict (9)
- 24 Good work a singular tot produced after study (15)
- 25 A girl a guy entertains with song (9)
- 26 Town catching originator of crop circles (5)

DOWN

- 1 Socialist faction's terror (5)
- 2 Ask hot singers to speak (7)
- 3 Changing rooms last an hour (9)
- 4 A dog with a bone to stroke or pat (7)
- 5 Terrible flirt starts to embellish sweet nothings (7)
- 6 High witness has to back away quietly (5)
- 7 Mean girl turning freak out (7)
- 8 Bent cop did well on some tests (9)
- 12 Outlook for insects closer to trap (9)
- 14 Clean clothing left on during opening, it's claimed (9)
- 16 Lyricist taking on an apprentice (7)
- 17 Action grasping flyer spoke about (7)
- 18 Settlers heading to an old city and remaining (7)
- 19 Menacing band - admitting nothing! (7)
- 21 Wind on the outskirts of a singular Italian place (5)
- 23 Blast, pointless skirts and pants! (5)



The Squire's clues

ACROSS

- 1 Clips (5)
- 4 Resist (9)
- 9 Greed (15)
- 10 Primary (9)
- 11 Aristotle's teacher (5)
- 12 Foresee (7)
- 13 Highest (7)
- 15 Indebted (7)
- 18 Deal with (4,3)
- 20 Factory (5)
- 22 Temporary use (9)
- 24 Well done (15)
- 25 Love songs (9)
- 26 Platters (5)

DOWN

- 1 Rascal (5)
- 2 Express as a query (7)
- 3 Flipping (9)
- 4 Slender racing dog (7)
- 5 Trivia (7)
- 6 Precipitous (5)
- 7 Ordinary (7)
- 8 Deceitful (9)
- 12 Chances (9)
- 14 Alleged (9)
- 16 Trainee (7)
- 17 Discussed (7)
- 18 Excess (7)
- 19 Forboding (7)
- 21 City of NW Italy (5)
- 23 Sharp inhalations (5)

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