

## The Crusader's clues

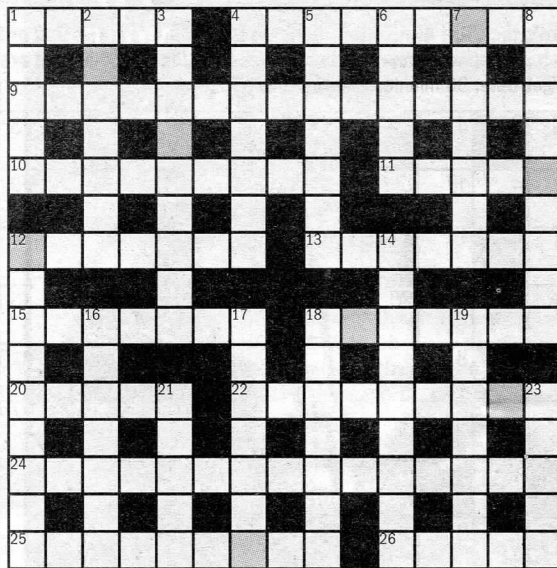
### ACROSS

- 1 Redhead insecure for a bit... (5)  
 4 ...prized diamonds left in pin (9)  
 9 Disorganised cell a pal wrongly filled with visible gas (3,4,3,5)  
 10 Plainly discouraged entitlement (9)  
 11 Like a dog, from California? (3,2)  
 12 An emperor got shot, one added (7)  
 13 Advance for outspoken developer (7)  
 15 Nordic king made mother homeless (7)  
 18 Tongue of an animal with a boy's name (7)  
 20 An artist said to bring in second model (5)  
 22 Notice decoration (a dropped decoration) (9)  
 24 Greatly decomposed object? (9,6)  
 25 Knight, turning to maiden, proposed (9)  
 26 Nice babysitter corrupted with bribe missed out (5)

### DOWN

- 1 August day with top nanny (5)  
 2 Every debt that's permitted (7)  
 3 It's all right, Kelly's caught pests (5,4)  
 4 Ideal standard in the past, note (7)  
 5 'I have a fever' on record for a physician (7)  
 6 Get rid of fish, cross with soft filling (5)  
 7 A model old and generously-proportioned (7)  
 8 Treated badly, pep doesn't work (7,2)  
 12 Parasites make a child cross, being hot-headed (7-2)  
 14 An exposed coupling in every respect (3-3-3)  
 16 Smallest baby going to mother (7)  
 17 Vehicle clown hurriedly starts - hilarious! (7)  
 18 Corroborative lead put on record backed up (7)  
 19 Prepared material about a legendary king (7)  
 21 An industry leader sounding tense (5)  
 23 Biting fly going up somebody's back (5)

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



## The Squire's clues

### ACROSS

- 1 Whit (5)  
 4 Invaluable (9)  
 9 Everywhere (3,4,3,5)  
 10 Utterly (9)  
 11 Accept eagerly (3,2)  
 12 Roman emperor 117-138 (7)  
 13 Move on (7)  
 15 Wandering (7)  
 18 Romance language (7)  
 20 Max \_\_\_\_, German painter (5)  
 22 Accessory (9)  
 24 To an extreme degree (9,6)  
 25 Put forward (9)  
 26 Appetising (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Stately (5)  
 2 Authorised (7)  
 3 Not to worry (5,4)  
 4 Model of excellence (7)  
 5 Deified Egyptian scholar (7)  
 6 Throw out (5)  
 7 Instance (7)  
 8 Trodden underfoot (7,2)  
 12 Freeloaders (7-2)  
 14 Unqualified (3-3-3)  
 16 Least possible (7)  
 17 Horse-drawn racing or battle vehicle (7)  
 18 Congested (7)  
 19 Father of Odysseus (7)  
 21 Largest moon of Saturn (5)  
 23 Piquant (5)

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 Down: 1 Snips, 2 Upright, 3 Get behind, 4 Snaffle, 5 Ordered, 6 Lit up, 7 Gorgons, 8 Task force, 12 Oblivious, 14 Endeavour, 16 Airhead, 17 Rations, 18 Emanate, 19 Reached, 21 Omani, 23 Siren. PRIZE WORD: Hessian

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