

The Crusader's clues

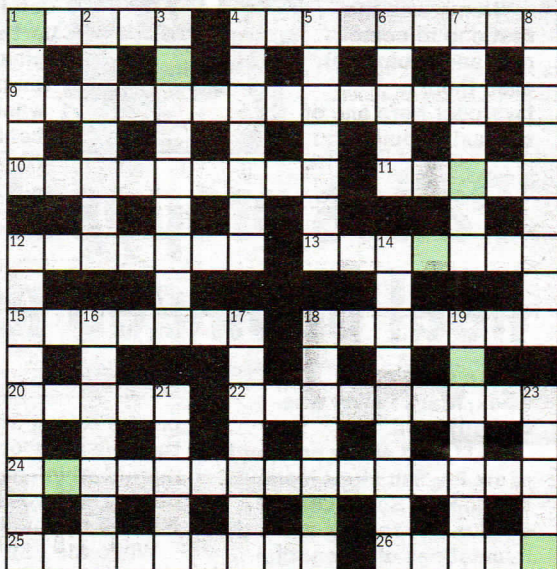
ACROSS

- 1 Walk a driven model studied (5)
 4 Opinion: an artist's in shock (9)
 9 Long record back near toy? It disturbed an envoy (15)
 10 Defaced nickel jar put down (9)
 11 Team almost cut off by a young flyer (5)
 12 Calm girl provided boarding (7)
 13 Bill sounded sad making a scene (7)
 15 Great lady in trouble, missing goal (7)
 18 Residences a friend passes easily (7)
 20 Excitement at first beyond measure (5)
 22 Moving line from a book about an island (9)
 24 A character behind a golfer leans on family (15)
 25 Unknown hoarder's confusion about grand... (4,5)
 26 ...fellow some publicly defamed? (5)

DOWN

- 1 Warmish soft food's eaten up (5)
 2 Never changing outside, ten missed out (7)
 3 Up to a thousand insecure jailbirds? (5,4)
 4 Freak left inside might post a circular (7)
 5 Places without ties, not like here (7)
 6 Stakes put up on Akkadian borders (5)
 7 Importance of an old city within a country (7)
 8 Put on top of shoes, they do nothing (9)
 12 Rotten act without repercussions opening wound (9)
 14 Odds of ship coming back from port in a sea of projectiles (9)
 16 Country drive with no end of charm uplifted (7)
 17 Sponsor making rounds quite late backs a writer (7)
 18 Word for a mean person, abbreviated (7)
 19 City associate, breaking nose, really gutted (7)
 21 A forerunner unusual Ephesian holds (5)
 23 Long and short edges of crude weapon (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 Step (5)
 4 Evaluation (9)
 9 Ambassador (15)
 10 Belittle (9)
 11 Unfledged pigeon (5)
 12 Placate (7)
 13 Frozen scene (7)
 15 Unmotivated (7)
 18 Castles (7)
 20 Plays as a genre (5)
 22 Feeling (9)
 24 German fairy tale character (15)
 25 Mystery candidate (4,5)
 26 Scottish river (5)

DOWN

- 1 Lukewarm (5)
 2 Everlasting (7)
 3 Serving a sentence (5,4)
 4 Irregularity (7)
 5 In attendance (7)
 6 Forced bets in poker (5)
 7 Body height (7)
 8 Idle people (9)
 12 Wandered (9)
 14 Relating to propelled objects (9)
 16 Republic of SE Asia (7)
 17 Edmund ____, English poet (7)
 18 Potential (7)
 19 Capital of Guinea (7)
 21 First letter of the Hebrew alphabet (5)
 23 Cavalry spear (5)

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LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: 1 Bower, 4 Amaryllyis, 9 Incomprehension, 10 Fragrance, 11 Sauce, 12 Essence, 13 Extreme, 15 Chatter, 18 Gravely, 20 Mocks, 22 Measure up, 24 At the last minute, 25 Secretary, 26 Grebe. Down: 1 Brief, 2 Wiccans, 3 Rembrandt, 4 Arrange, 5 Achieve, 6 Yanks, 7 Leisure, 8 Sincerely, 12 Encompass, 14 Trudging, 16 Ascetic, 17 Rum baba, 18 Ghashtly, 19 Execute, 21 Suede, 23 Piece.

Prize word: Purple

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