

THE SUNDAY CRUSADER AND HIS SQUIRE

The Crusader's clues

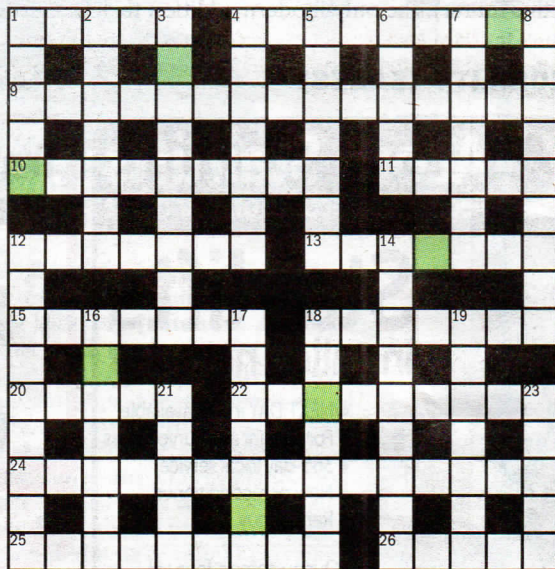
ACROSS

- 1 Cast seeing mouth organ... (5)
- 4 ...focus on jam low in fat (9)
- 9 Trimmed mini goes with boots occasionally (2,4,3,6)
- 10 Reserved pro vocal before (6,3)
- 11 Soft covering, impervious (5)
- 12 Guide not in love going back east (7)
- 13 Furniture of course detailed and split by hand (7)
- 15 Shylock - grasping adult character in a tale (7)
- 18 Slender lady missed out, holding nothing back (7)
- 20 Page opposing queen, therefore (5)
- 22 Rascals rip off retailers last (9)
- 24 I respect gold Ron treated with heat somehow (3,3,2,7)
- 25 Small matter of camp children (4,5)
- 26 Gas attack heard happening (5)

DOWN

- 1 Cuts perhaps behind bites (5)
- 2 Frank is leading - leading! (7)
- 3 Contract an American can endorse (3,6)
- 4 Contrary people liking brownies a bit? (7)
- 5 State pairing a communist arranged (7)
- 6 Drunk girl is partly upset (3,2)
- 7 Monsters turn and kiss up to king (7)
- 8 A team etc. confused about request... (4,5)
- 12 ...not knowing plain metal held (9)
- 14 Attempt to stop constantly being heard (9)
- 16 Express leader, not too smart? (7)
- 17 Limits sounded foolish (informal ones) (7)
- 18 A handle turned had to give out (7)
- 19 Hit, soldiers experienced pain (7)
- 21 Foreign band frenzied, losing last... (5)
- 23 ...singer over lies about note (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 Thrown (5)
- 4 Point up (9)
- 9 Sporadically (2,4,3,6)
- 10 Romantically attached (6,3)
- 11 Evidence (5)
- 12 General description (7)
- 13 Actor's wardrobe assistant (7)
- 15 Hero's lover (7)
- 18 Sanction (7)
- 20 Back of a printed page (5)
- 22 Rapsallions (9)
- 24 By some means (3,3,2,7)
- 25 Incidental consideration (4,5)
- 26 Chemical element 86 (5)

DOWN

- 1 Bargains (5)
- 2 Open and honest (7)
- 3 Support (3,6)
- 4 Swipe, nab (7)
- 5 Commanded (7)
- 6 Illuminated (3,2)
- 7 Medusa and her sisters (7)
- 8 Specialised group, as of soldiers (4,5)
- 12 Unmindful (9)
- 14 Undertaking (9)
- 16 Ditz person (7)
- 17 Fixed allowances or portions (7)
- 18 Issue forth (7)
- 19 Arrived at (7)
- 21 Muscat native (5)
- 23 ___ song (5)

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Down: 1 Nitre, 2 Preston, 3 Lindbergh, 4 British, 5 Epithet, 6 Kills, 7 Immense, 8 Hunky-dory, 12 Misshapen, 14 Robin Hood, 16 At worst, 17 Dearth, 18 Soirees, 19 Returns, 21 Stour, 23 Dress. PRIZE WORD: Plural

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