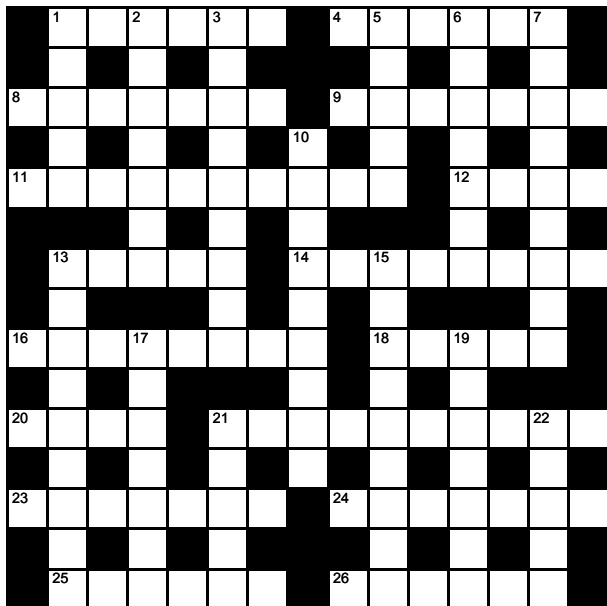


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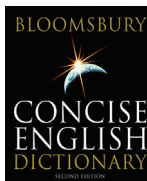
ACROSS

- 1, 4 Bird is going to grow wild by river (6,6)
- 8 Long-winded lad not unknown in poetry (7)
- 9 Sourness of laymen not the first to ring police (7)
- 11 Not keeping appointment with leaders of Unionist party after seeking election (8,2)
- 12 Romany losing my horse (4)
- 13 Queen's taken back laxative (5)
- 14 Men flustered by girl, needing a reminder (8)
- 16 Writer of songs about hedonism (8)
- 18 Crew passes (5)
- 20 Austen's work for Forster's mother? (4)
- 21 Inter flora first in capital location (10)
- 23 Leading seaman having second fish for breakfast? (7)
- 24 Intermediaries with no resources initially remaining solvent (7)
- 25, 26 Bird or glider proven in motion (6,6)



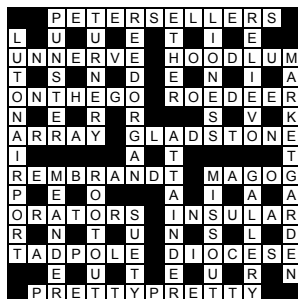
DOWN

- 1 Why endlessly consume grain? (5)
- 2 Coward sent north skirting outlaw country (7)
- 3 Stubborn old boy, say, retaining home (9)
- 5 Walker's revolutionary summary (5)
- 6 Ruin without measure of work experience (7)
- 7 Are you abroad with sign showing coastal features? (9)
- 10 Greek king soon brought about brave Ilium's end (9)
- 13 Rake's home free – at last he's employed (9)
- 15 Fugitive providing me with a helper (9)
- 17 Late Greek god betraying no emotion (7)
- 19 Novelist's name on a new book – Vladimir's first (7)
- 21 Old note – a note always turning up (5)
- 22 Characters in particular are rather less common (5)

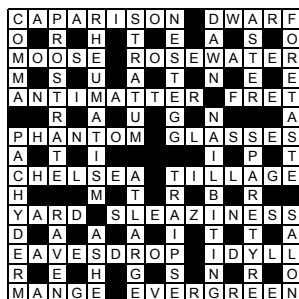


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