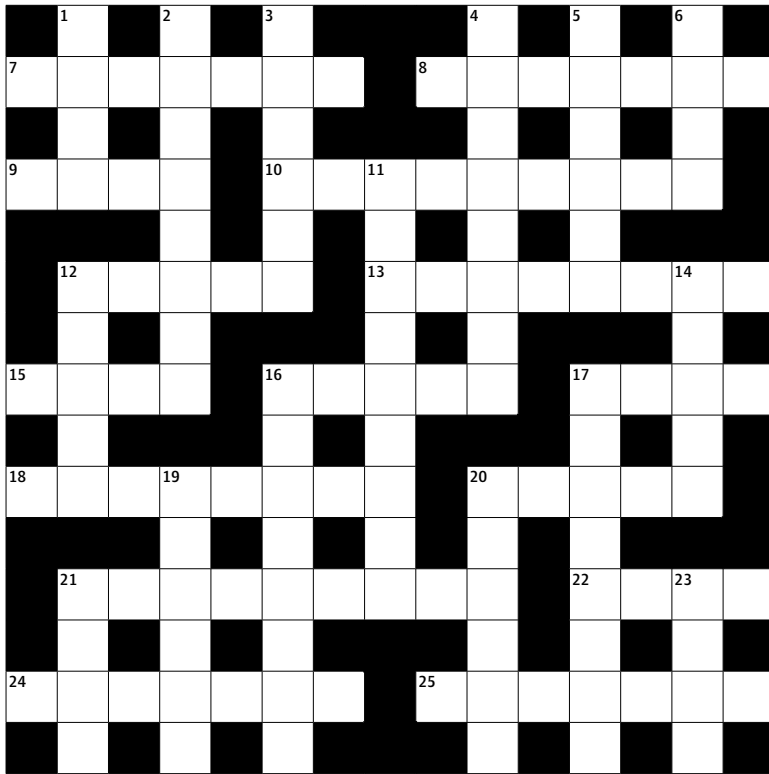


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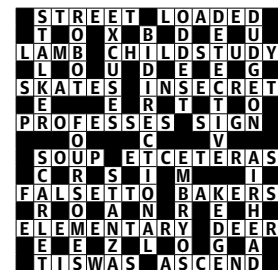
Across

- 7 Cat disease after scratching the head is a lottery (7)
- 8 One's onboard with friend having piles (7)
- 9 Short, conventional return for flyer (4)
- 10 Like Charles at home, father's eating wraps (9)
- 12 Poet consumes ordinary food (5)
- 13 Annoy son who's absorbed by being unsupported maybe (5,3)
- 15 Little Fish getting around a fight (4)
- 16 Well, Littler the beginner's card indicates: strong (5)
- 17 It's near the ribs, a large cut shows injury (4)
- 18 Tiger had troubled group of mature people (5,3)
- 20 Advanced, like a nobleman? (5)
- 21 Perhaps ploughman's ancient clay houses (4,5)
- 22 Young woman gets introduction to lipstick and dope (4)
- 24 Lace, say, is fetching, new for top of garters (7)
- 25 Wife's case holding special turtleneck, primarily a protection from cold (7)

Down

- 1 Clobber those opponents grouping arrows in opening stages (4)
- 2 Notice 19 person, a Brit you represented (8)
- 3 Nervous people lacking introduction dated at the beginning, then went on union trip (6)
- 4 Service set up by motorway unit - where 6 are found (8)
- 5 In new set nets raised for game (6)
- 6 Plants thus put before opponents (4)
- 11 Officer in short boat to change direction (9)
- 12 Land bull's eye initially, the last three in 4th ... (5)
- 14 ... and the first two in 5th throw are odd (5)
- 16 Waterbird perhaps identified by a pal seen swimming (8)
- 17 Disorganised European inside, lacking transport (8)
- 19 Daughter, say, excludes 4 for report (6)
- 20 Memories of half of toes caught under wobbly oche (6)
- 21 Staff member, when playing, gets one hundred and fifty, easy for starters (4)
- 23 King welcomed by Shanghai banks and finally taken outside (4)

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