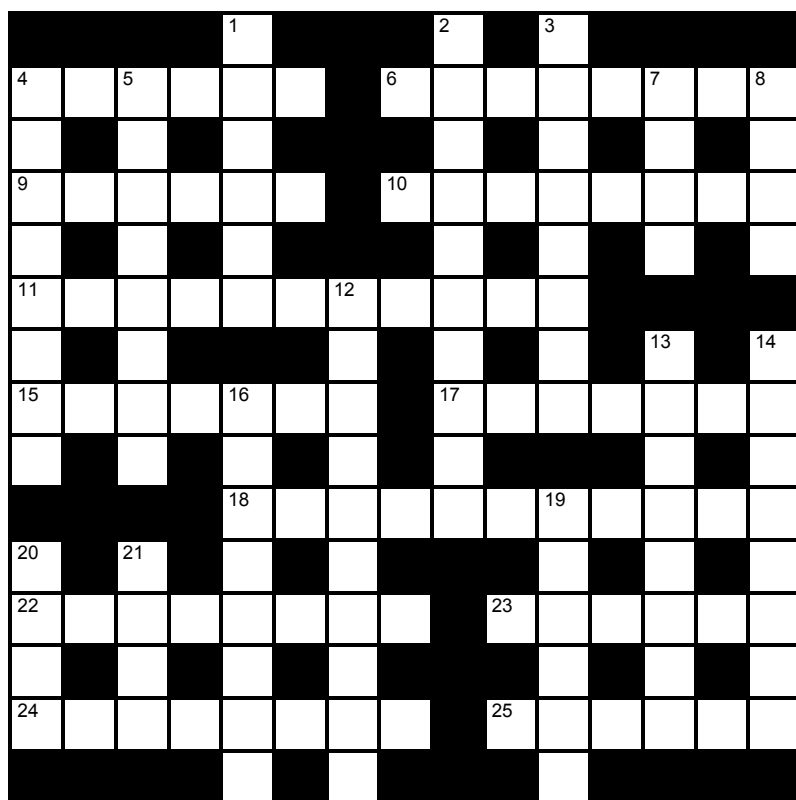


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Across

- 4** Island of the Siamese cat, say, harbouring an unwieldy ship left abandoned (6)
- 6** Material about the eastern Mediterranean (8)
- 9** London district retreat serves chocolate-covered cake (6)
- 10** The Brothers Brown? Three changed name (8)
- 11** As with the Bible, I grin about Madge's inappropriate simile (4,1,6)
- 15** America pursues hard line in some quarters? (7)
- 17** Garbled sermon about English or American poet (7)
- 18** Take apart when in disguise (11)
- 22** Turner, having got angry, foamed (8)

23 Metal engravings in Illinois by a German revolutionary (6)

24 Dig in the north corner – no other ranks involved (8)

25 The last thing Picasso drew before expiring? (6)

Down

1 Some claret in America that one needs to observe (6)

2 Roger rests in a state of degeneration (10)

3 Time for a maxim (8)

4 I am without equal but do not see as much (8)

5 Improbable Greek character turned up as Sally-Ann stripped (8)

7 Pixie, topless and sprightly (4)

8 South Pacific country lacking a secret society (4)

12 Doggedness in demanding Cardinal cuts iciness in negotiation (10)

13 Heathcliff's wife lives with a Brontë sister (Anne primarily) (8)

14 Short as the man close to Spooner (4-4)

16 One rambling comedian kisses the queen repeatedly (8)

19 Refugee from unstable regime (6)

20 Down the chimney (4)

21 A bird occupied (2,2)