



Across

- 1 Long-legged web-footed black-and-white shorebird with slender upward-curving bill (6)
- 4 Loose gown of the 17th and 18th centuries (6)
- 9 A republic in extreme eastern Africa subject to tribal warfare (7)
- 10 Puzzle in the form of a plastic cube covered with multi-coloured squares (5)
- 11 An airfield without normal airport facilities (5)
- 12 Capable of being shaped, bent or drawn out (7)
- 13 French novelist, a Bénédictine monk (4,7)
- 18 A landlocked republic in east central Africa on the northeastern shore of Lake Tanganyika (7)
- 20 A pariah who is avoided by others (5)
- 22 Declare invalid (5)
- 23 A sporting competition in which contestants play a series of games to decide the winner (7)
- 24 Coming next after the first in position in space, time, degree or magnitude (6)
- 25 Remove or make invisible (6)

Down

- 1 Work for or be a servant to (6)
- 2 An abalone found near the Channel Islands (5)
- 3 A closed plane curve resulting from the intersection of a circular cone and a plane cutting completely through it (7)
- 5 A garment of cloth, leather or plastic that is tied about the waist and worn to protect your clothing (5)
- 6 Cats with grey or tawny coats mottled with black (7)
- 7 A shoe for a child or woman that has a strap around the lower leg (6)
- 8 Fictional character created by James Thurber who daydreams about his adventures and triumphs (6,5)
- 14 Pertaining to, or in the style of one of the Romantic poets (7)
- 15 Someone who attacks in search of booty (7)
- 16 Submersible warships usually armed with torpedoes (1-5)
- 17 A covered gravy holder of silver or other metal containing a detachable central vessel for hot water to keep the gravy warm (6)

- 19** A thermoplastic polyamide; a family of strong resilient synthetic fibers (5)
- 21** Fractional monetary units of Ireland and the United Kingdom (5)