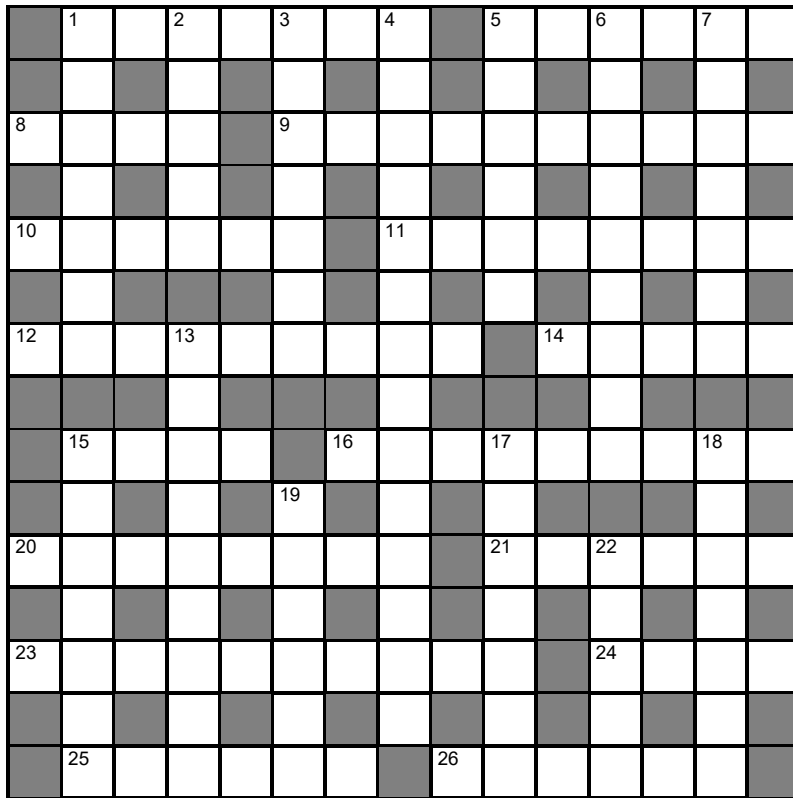


Cryptic 008 by Leucine



Across

- 1 I can't believe that hat! (4,3)
- 5 Shut out at Anfield - zero showed the way. (6)
- 8 Hum early video game. (4)
- 9 Material science encountered whole of 15 down with rugby regular. (10)
- 10/21 Spied in the Circus by a French square? (6,6)
- 11 Coteries for a select few. (8)
- 12 Tribe says pleasure-seekers can emerge. (9)
- 14 Crone-like, but not 43, nemesis of Scratchy. (5)

- 15 Haut cuisine in American West. (4)
- 16 In mongrel dog Mussolini's OK on raid. (9)
- 20 Get upset on Jermyn Street? (4,1,3)
- 21 See 10
- 23 Multiplexer rattled mirage once. (10)
- 24 Carla Bruni Xmas song loaded with operating system. (4)
- 25 Tech by Charles with brief resolution for bishops' lids. (6)
- 26 Upper class lurks in emergent ryegrass. (6)

Down

- 1 Old polymath's ploy met with refinement. (7)
- 2 Received and understood, Mr. Federer. (5)
- 3 Englishman (architect) I smothered in 79. (7)
- 4 Old rite for the sick: far-out railway convergence without Juliet. (7,7)
- 5 Lens on columnist. (6)
- 6 Victor's crown (not large in the end) consumed small recipients of honours. (9)
- 7 American spin on the language? (7)
- 13 Mitigation bent A Team. (9)
- 15 Favoured element when they say it's time for controlled fishin'. (7)
- 17 Shipping experts call for rapid growth. (7)
- 18 Yeti sob story - excessive body fat. (7)
- 19 A setback - a section of problem alfalfa is on fire. (6)
- 22 One night in Paris for Arctic folk. (5)