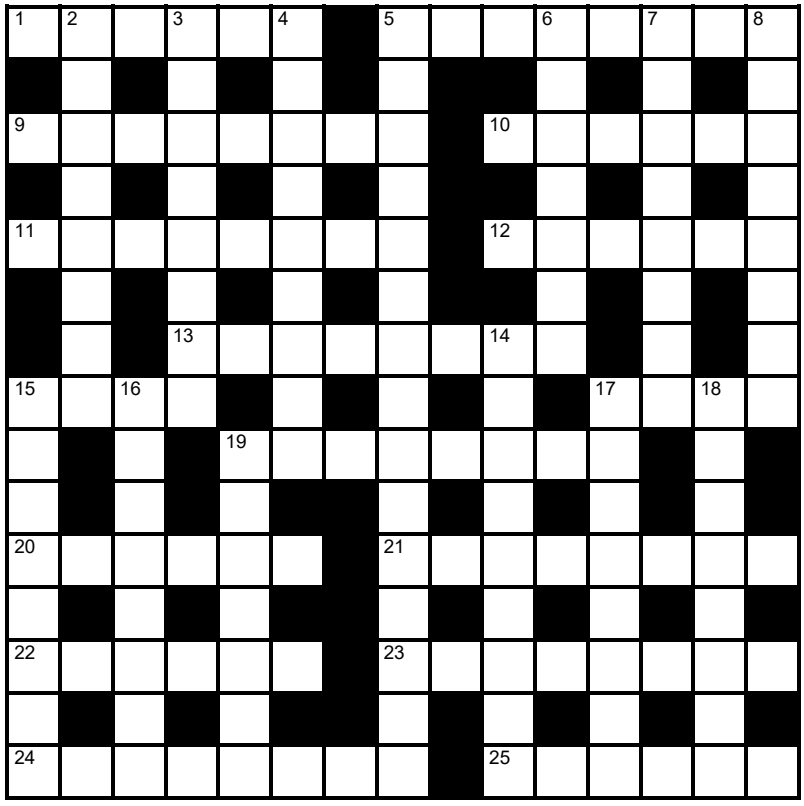

Across

1 Promote parody (4,2)

5 Reclines in mud? Most foolish (8)

9 A couple of boys getting intimate (8)

10 City avenge being thrashed (6)

11 Killer's paper rejected, not finished off (8)

12 Troops cut power from surgical equipment (6)

13 Virulent character's name on sign (8)

15 Parts of minutes from Congress discussed (4)

17 Supplier of sugar adds one on (4)

19 It sets the scene before a stroll (8)

20 Flight from America after former love died (6)

21 Flying from Australia by way of Thailand, no-one returned (8)

22 Ill-fated soldier in orbit briefly? (6)

23 Where one might be caught and dismissed by competitors (8)

24 Characteristic of a brew from the pot, some would say (8)

25 The French entering flat - one by one? (6)

Down

2 Polish member in key area nicked regularly (8)

3 Shock of girl's hair (8)

4 Troop in Northern Ireland turned to drink (5,4)

5 No wordplay needed? (4-11)

6 Rest of song to enjoy (3,4)

7 Implement European right to cut tax (8)

8 Inebriated star can't perform (8)

14 Secret underground cell fix elite bout (9)

15 Cork's alternative bar welcomes band (8)

16 State in America, exaggerate trouble (8)

17 Top-class horse to dominate (8)

18 Recruit nurse taking drugs over lunch? (8)

19 She's in a queue south of French city (7)