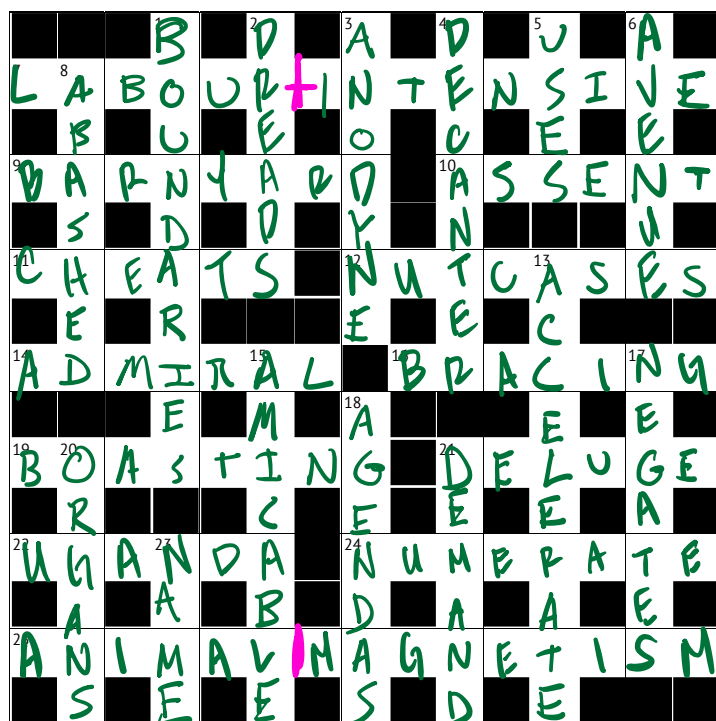


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ACROSS

- 1 Veritable unions require a large number of staff (6-9)
- 9 An area near farm buildings, maybe a dry barn (8)
- 10 Express agreement as dispatched (6)
- 11 Has little discussions about the fifth letter from unfair players (6)
- 12 Shells of dry fruit for the silly ones (8)
- 14 Almost admire almost all the commander of the Fleet (7)
- 16 Top bike racing is invigorating (7)
- 19 Talking proudly of the bite of a non-poisonous snake (8)
- 21 Dodgy leg due to a very heavy downpour (6)
- 22 A gun ad from an African country (6)
- 24 A mere nut absurdly good at maths (8)
- 25 Manage man's limit in guys' attractiveness (6,9)

DOWN

- 1 Spring on to the Ram sign for the lines that mark the limits (10)
- 2 Greatly fears directions, first and last, read inside (6)
- 3 Somehow annoyed with a pain-killing drug (7)
- 4 Run on the horse after dance ends with a wine bottle (8)
- 5 Employs but sues us on two points (4)
- 6 Street is a meeting place (6)
- 8 Seaman on a building for storage is ashamed (7)
- 13 Speed up to create lace at a faster pace (10)
- 15 Friendly in the morning with one wire (8)
- 17 Nullifies the moveable barriers on the North-East (7)
- 18 After a silver symbol, finish like lists of items for next meetings (7)
- 20 To be played on inner parts of the body (6)
- 21 To insist on changing mad end (6)
- 23 Man returned with top English title (4)