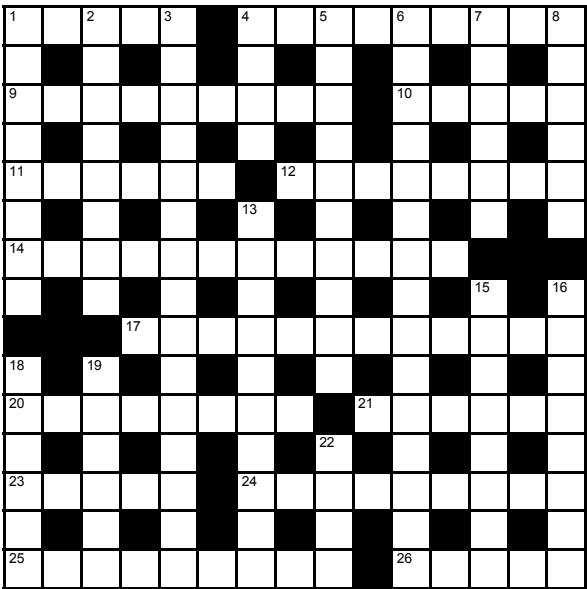


Across

- 1 Absorb second little pet (3,2)
- 4 Star observed around cold river with umbrella (9)
- 9 Sadly geese burn in range (9)
- 10 Needless frame around old vessel is annoying (5)
- 11 Work together, part of Australia is eager (6)
- 12 Approach a stuttering bird with due camouflage (8)
- 14 Joined forces and gathered around wild boar (12)
- 17 Links firm resistance to family members (12)
- 20 Quiet and dispersed, mice are widespread (8)
- 21 Fill up as I laze - lacking energy - back (6)
- 23 Picks up heroes on coasts (5)
- 24 Australian finds gold in a large pit with no opening (9)
- 25 Fortunate to be a novel first product from coral tree (5,4)
- 26 Pulls US citizens (5)

Down

- 1 Disregard regular loud cry of Red Stumpnose (4,4)
- 2 Minister in bucket seat initially succeeds (8)
- 3 Actor creates balls-up with lazy pose (4,11)
- 4 Very odd gecko disappears, looking for trouble (4)
- 5 Gone about putting one in list that is open for debate (10)
- 6 Sure I play with laity, but respecting privacy (15)
- 7 Talking to those crying, having run out of time (6)
- 8 Ate without cast? (6)
- 13 Match point after serving into a cord (10)



- 15 Work up to pose with one leg, standing (8)
- 16 When, for example, res is disturbed by testers (8)
- 18 Strange pull about greeting that is difficult (6)
- 19 Clone B is created as one (2,4)
- 22 Habit that is good to have (4)