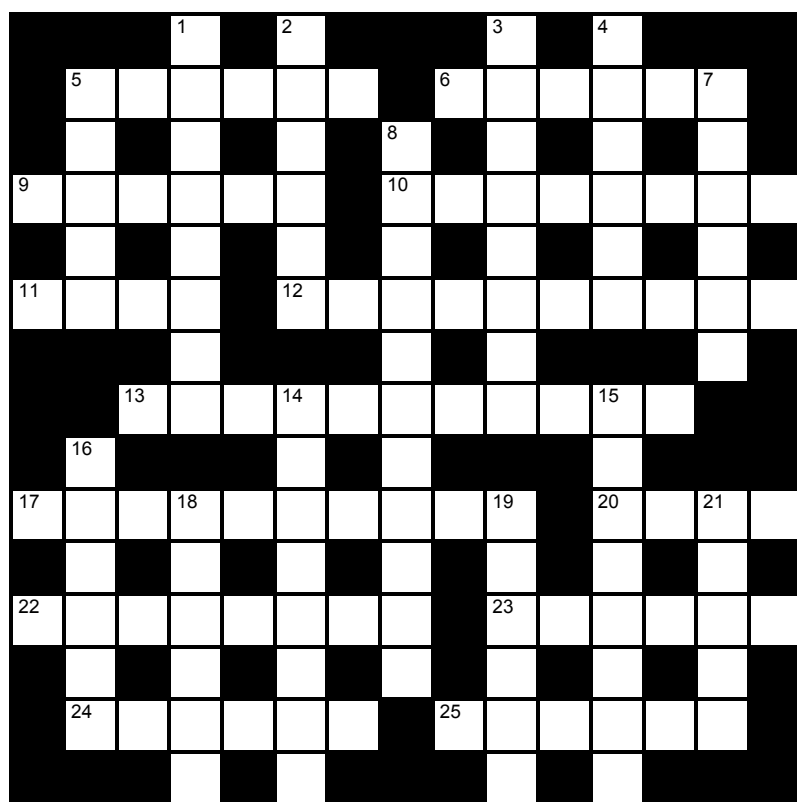


ARENA



Across

5 English novelist noted for her insightful portrayals of middle-class families (1775-1817) (6)

6 United States slapstick comedian (born in England) (6)

9 1959 film starring Charlton Heston (3-3)

10 Queen, who funded Christopher Columbus (8)

11 Employed (4)

12 An outline of a solid object (10)

13 1877 novel by Anna Sewell (5,6)

17 Play by Anton Chekhov (5,5)

20 His sons were Ham, Shem and Japheth (4)

22 It's storming was at the start of the French Revolution (8)

23 Hitchcock film..... (6)

24and his forename (6)

25 Flags (6)

Down

1 A lilaceous plant (8)

2 Any of various usually woody vines of tropical Asia, whose roots yield the insecticide rotenone, used by gardeners (6)

3 Any man noted for his amorous adventures (8)

4 Author of *Brighton Rock* (6)

5 Herbaceous plant of the rose family (5)

7 Sexually precocious young girl (6)

8 Fat Owl of the Remove (5,6)

14 Royalist supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War (8)

15 He wrote *The Lady of Shalott* (8)

16 Capital of Turkey (6)

18 Grant exemption or release (3,3)

19 A former unit of electric current (6)

21 Small terracotta urn kept at Lords (5)