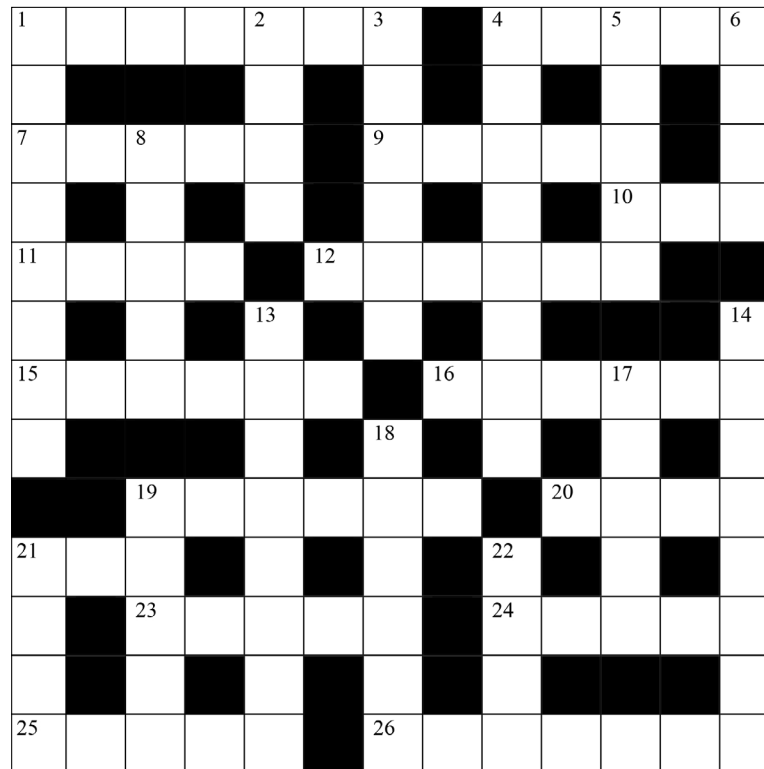


# French-themed crossword

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## Across

- 1 Fruits such as *oranges, citrons et pamplemousses* (7)
- 4 *Désagréable à la vue* (5)
- 7 \_\_\_\_ *de Marseille*, traditionally made from Mediterranean water, olive oil, soda ash and lye (5)
- 9 Gabriel \_\_\_\_, Ariège-born composer best known for his Requiem and '*Clair de lune*' (5)
- 10 *Brin fin de matière textile* (3)
- 11 Mediterranean city named after the Greek goddess of victory (4)
- 12 *Crème* of this mixes well with sparkling wine or champagne (6)
- 15 *Événement* one cannot foresee or explain (6)
- 16 Help around the house – especially with the children (2,4)
- 19 Vital ingredient in beer, wine, whisky, etc (6)
- 20 Eurostar terminal in Paris, *Gare du* \_\_\_\_ (4)
- 21 *Croyance religieuse* (3)
- 23 Massenet opera based on a novel by the Abbé Prévost (5)
- 24 Offensive word in English or French for someone foolish or senseless (5)
- 25 *Petite quantité de boisson* (5)
- 26 Toponymous jeans cloth, *serge* \_\_\_\_ (2,5)

## Down

- 1 Highly potent spirit once known as '*la fée verte*' (8)
- 2 Former French city now Belgian – scene of the British Army's first major action in the First World War (4)
- 3 Powder obtained from crocus flowers and used as a spice or colourant (6)
- 4 Adjective sometimes used to describe a sparkling wine (8)
- 5 Too many of these spoil the *potage*! (5)
- 6 *Bannissement de quelqu'un hors de sa patrie* (4)
- 8 Informal term for loos or *toilettes* (5)
- 13 Useful shop to buy or sell bric-a-brac (8)
- 14 Raw vegetables sometimes served as a starter (8)
- 17 Garlic mayonnaise (5)
- 18 Paris-born composer best known for his *Ave Maria* and the opera *Faust* (6)
- 19 '*Le verbe \_\_\_\_ est difficile à conjuguer: son passé n'est pas simple, son présent n'est qu'indicatif, et son futur est toujours conditionnel*' – Cocteau (5)
- 21 *Humeur produite par l'estomac* – also called *bile* (4)
- 22 Connection or rapport between people (4)

**Across:** 1 agurmes, 4 moche, 7 Faure, 10 fil, 11 Nice, 12 cassis, 15 hasard, 16 au pair, 19 alcool, 20 Nord, 21 foi, 23 Mamon, 24 idiot, 25 larme, 26 de Nîmes.  
**Down:** 1 absinthe, 2 Mons, 3 safran, 4 mousseux, 5 chefs, 6 exil, 8 vécés, 13 brocante, 14 crudités, 17 aioli, 18 Gounod, 19 almer, 21 fiél, 22 lien.