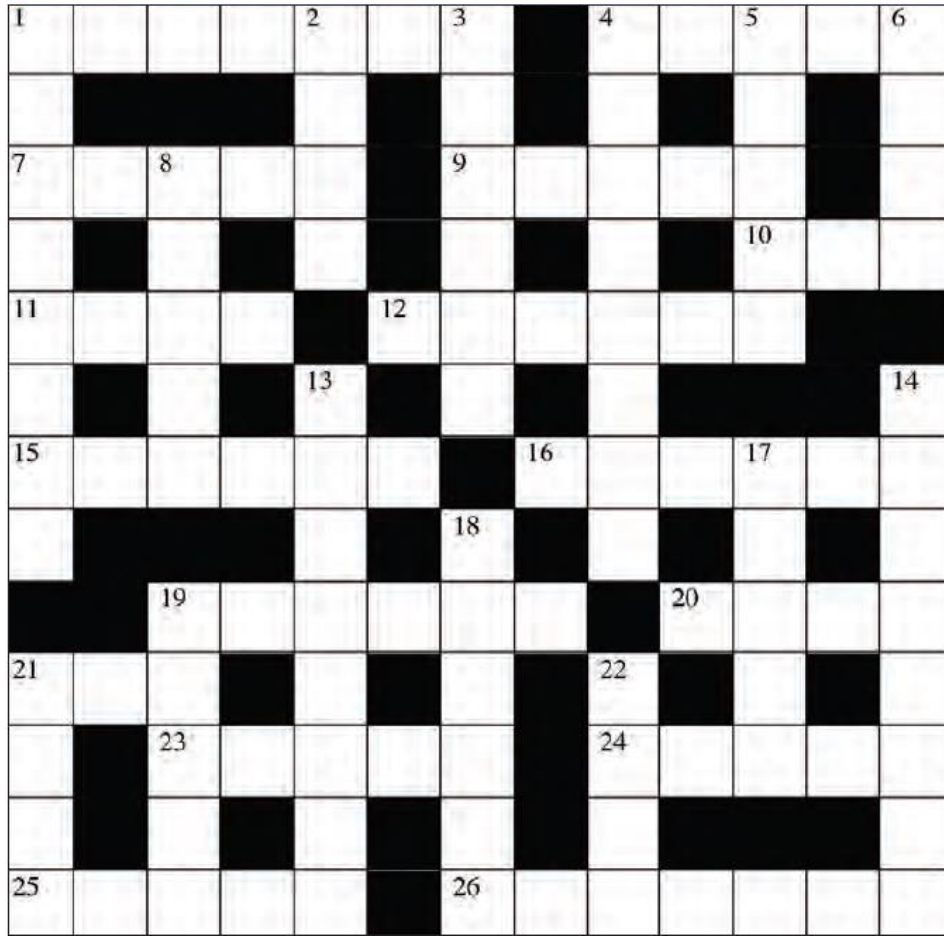


French-themed crossword

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Note all answers are words or names associated with France

Across

- 1 Region in the Loire valley east of Tours, producing mainly a white wine from Chenin blanc grapes (7)
- 4 Colloquially, a phone call (5)
- 7 French name for a Belgian municipality which was the scene of a series of battles between Allied and enemy troops in the First World War (5)
- 9 Flattish horny part on the tip of each finger (5)
- 10 Plant cultivated for its fibre, from which linen yarn and fabric are made, and for its nutritious seeds (3)
- 11 *Le beau n'a qu'un type; le ____ en a mille* – Victor Hugo (4)
- 12 Solemn request to God for help (6)
- 15 Toothless (6)
- 16 *Carafe de vin* (6)
- 19 One of the 'Three Musketeers' in a series of novels by Alexandre Dumas, père (6)
- 20 Archaic exclamation for 'heavens above' (4)
- 21 High-speed transport (1,1,1)
- 23 Jargon or slang of a particular group or class (5)
- 24 Labour withdrawal (5)
- 25 Damage or bruise fruit (5)
- 26 Joan of Arc was nicknamed *La Pucelle* or 'Maid' of this city after she helped lift the English siege during the Hundred Years' War (7)

Down

- 1 A, e, i, and so on (8)
- 2 *Couleur rouge pâle* (4)
- 3 Semi-solid food from milk fermented by added bacteria (6)
- 4 Con man or swindler (8)
- 5 Wood-burning stove (5)
- 6 Bond of friendship – ____ *d'amitié* (4)
- 8 *'Science sans conscience n'est que ____ de l'âme'* – Rabelais (5)
- 13 Someone from elsewhere (8)
- 14 Creative places for artists (8)
- 17 Smooth, thick liquid used for cooking (5)
- 18 Small inexpensive restaurant (6)
- 19 Important information on food products: *à consommer de préférence ____ ...* (5)
- 21 Trick or thingummy (4)
- 22 Easygoing phrase – *ça m'est ____* (4)



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Across: 1 Vouvray, 4 appel, 7 Ypres, 9 angle, 10 lin, 11 laid, 12 prière, 15 édenté, 16 pichet, 19 Aramis, 20 ciel, 21 TGV, 23 argot, 24 grève, 25 cotte, 26 Orléans.
Down: 1 voyelles, 2 rose, 3 yaourt, 4 algrein, 5 poêle, 6 lien, 8 lien, 8 ruine, 13 étrangers, 14 ateliers, 17 huile, 18 bistrot, 19 avant, 21 truc, 22 égal.