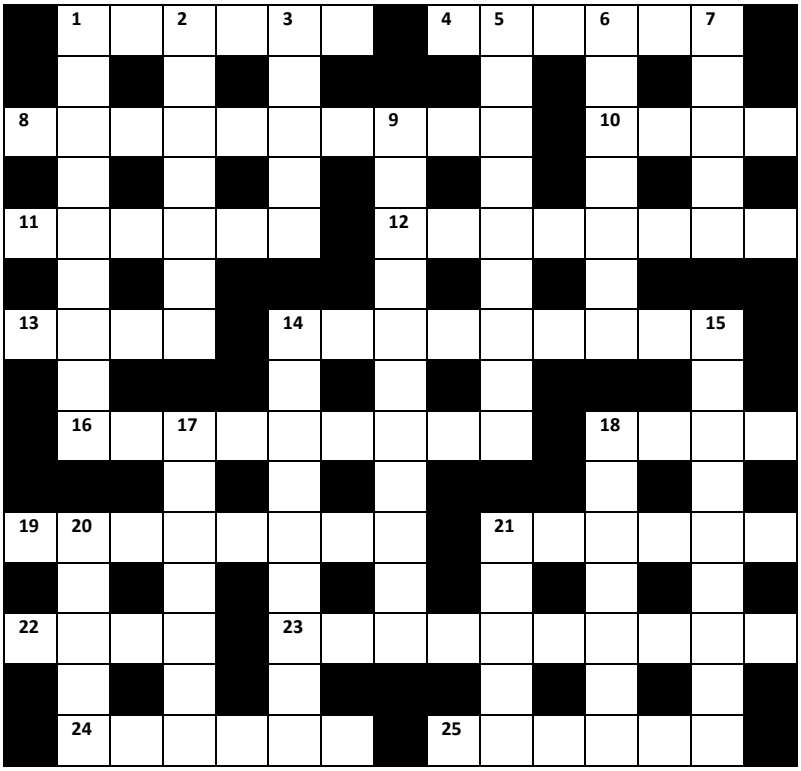
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Across

1 Jack goes to milk producer, getting shake (6)
4 Greek character needing medium-sized key to get into old car (6)
8 Particular speciality of firm's executive (6,4)
10 Opportunity Othello perhaps rebuffed (4)
11 Drug user, one replacing another one in prison (6)
12 Brusque patients every so often ignored death (8)
13 Dispute with France expected after revolution (4)
14 Urge an old queen to divorce King Henry originally (9)
16 Judge tours heart of Paris by road, coming across during short holiday (9)
18 Graceful rhythm of diminutive tenor (4)
19 African country deports me, along with private eye and rogue (8)
21 Prohibit sale of German sausage (6)
22 Infection to hang around when adult's denied drug (4)
23 High heels on with red trousers? (10)
24 Old camper might want this compass (6)
25 Power needed by big cat to attack quickly (6)

Down

1 Current's energy around river to round off stone (3,6)
2 Drunk gripping front of raft died at sea, maybe (7)
3 Enthusiastic participants in Bronze Age reenactment (5)
5 Part of ship left exposed – navigator ultimately tacked incorrectly (9)
6 Rice dish from India no kid sent back (7)
7 Decorate area before Advent as discussed (5)
9 Cool journo supports international body opposed to research centre (11)
14 Strange creature ferret's eating, leaving one black foot (9)
15 Bird you shot on ledge first (9)
17 Most organised teacher's last to quit close to exam (7)
18, 20 & 21 Novel's hero and bandit wandered beyond English city (7,2,3,5)

PUZZLE 694 – *Across*: **1** Sea god; **5** Duress; **10** Envisage; **11** Herder; **12** Status; **13** Turnpike; **14** Disheartened; **18** Guinea-Bissau; **22** Shocking; **24** Assets; **26** Lusaka; **27** Redbrick; **28** Hasten; **29** Dawdle
Down: **2** Einstein; **3** Griff; **4** Dead Sea; **6** Usher in; **7** Euripides; **8** Sneaky; **9** Best; **15** High-class; **16** The; **17** Tactical; **19** Imitate; **20** Boarded; **21** Though; **23** Garb; **25** Straw

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