



## SLOGGERS AND BETTERS 7 Set by Elgar

Welcome, one and all, to 25 (3,4,7) [...or 6 26 10, as it may confusingly be known].

Nine clues contain a word that is superfluous to the normal solving of the clue. In conjunction with a tenth (normally-clued) answer, each of these words should provide extra help in arriving at the solution.

### Across

- 8 In kill, forward knockout punches back, so making palest shots count (10)
- 9 Desire to make it the end of the radius bone (4)
- 10 Drag in m/kg/s dragged out much longer (4)

- 11 These ruddy enormous birds cradling secesh president lost mind on drug! (4,6)
- 12 It's my intention to live without air transport (7)
- 13 In film, Klinger finally winning the heart of Hawkeye Pierce (5)
- 15 Something deceptively lovely running in 25, say? (7)
- 16 On backing, tips for 7 and 25 come off – second favourites in cocktail bar! (3,4)
- 19 A basic wooden item, it's turned to Britain (5)
- 21 Race cunningly — head round the quick way! (4,3)
- 22 Ordinary man wading into disputation endlessly and for ever (7-3)
- 25 O'Brien's sure to be in this mix! (4)
- 26 Barbarian irritated husband (4)
- 27 *Excess of Excesses: The Dulcet Truth* (4,6)

### Down

- 1 Sun King's interrupting typical reaction to Labour proposal boosts children's entertainment! (10)
- 2 Opening Kentucky Classic letter Pipe entered "Fantasy" (5,3)
- 3 Forgetting inevitability of funeral, dresses down (5,5)
- 4 Minor celebrity's the reverse of 9 (1-6)
- 5 See Raleigh's state, spending a bit of private time together (4)
- 6 An Arabian citizen, I'll support the old people (6)
- 7 Which of 25 and 11? 25 (4)
- 13 Good Protea relations accepting sport back are all right settling in? It's very simple (10)
- 14 One dictating "pull" in part of Florida skeets operations (10)
- 17 Agriculturalist's tip, not a cert in garden science (8)
- 18 Soaring rackets smothering Fen city with nastiness (7)
- 20 Indian paymaster drunk in Paris with tipsy Sikh (6)
- 23 Stop top broker ignoring the odds (4)
- 24 The devil to catch (4)