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**Across**

- 1 Church beside hill and, literature says, illuminated by naked flames bigger than candles! (8)
- 5 Cervid meets one river after another. (4)
- 9 Castor-oil plant provides endless grain in America. (7)
- 10 Nothing learnt from writing by mountain nymph! (5)
- 11 Nile explorer from a certain part of Liverpool? (5)
- 12 Slight mix-up! Hat and pipe (in coffin) and text (on tomb) ... (7)
- 14 ... to engrave in relief; twelve points to place before the manager! (6)
- 16 No drunken ribald nonsense! It's for her wedding. (6)
- 19 Shoulder bag latches, only awkwardly.(7)
- 21 Little Edward follows ice-cream vendor's vehicle ... which is fitted with fins! (5)
- 23 Bible king. (5)
- 24 Warner Brothers stuck, briefly: it's between an Asian wind instrument and an American graffiti artist (in a small international zone) — that's the entertainment industry for you! (7)
- 25 Mound of money? (4)
- 26 Fawltly meets Quixote in Essex! (8)

**Down**

- 1 Folk processing corn — three around Saint Helena briefly and after that the Republic of Serbia.(9)
- 2 After Russia, briefly, Guevara displays small clothing pleat. (5)
- 3 They deploy rush net to catch prey.(7)
- 4 Foot arch with synchronized pace. (6)
- 6 Mere lad produces green beryl.(7)
- 7 Long-wave light on the left. (3)
- 8 Tricky Norse god is all right in Long Island! (4)
- 13 Capricious Hazel, fond of Number Six. (4-5)
- 15 Nothing or one small unit leads men to discover asphalt. (7)
- 17 Slightly confused bardic heroine in Rhode Island produces filled pasta. (7)
- 18 Blood fluid, as in mutilated palm. (6)
- 20 Water pipe footwear? (4)
- 22 Situation with bond I unhappily failed to sell at auction. (2,3)
- 23 Make difficulties with headsail? (3)