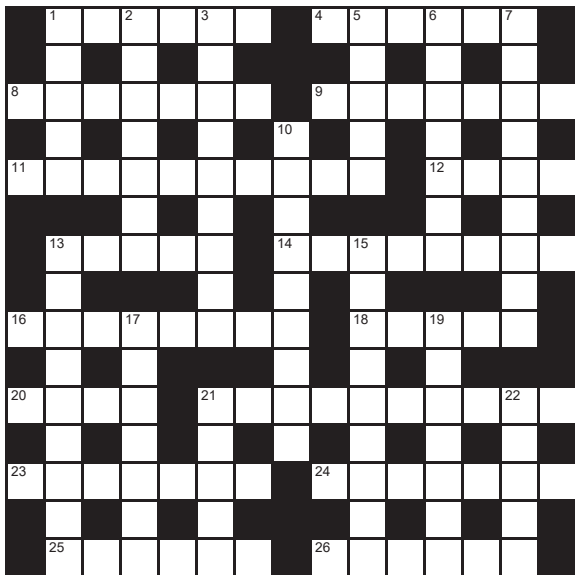


CROSSWORD

No. 16,537 Set by MUDD



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Small lesion initially visible? (6)
- 4 Private company welcoming Liberal group (6)
- 8 Brutal organisation goes potty about minor strike (7)
- 9 Union leader from India stops short of greeting an African (7)
- 11 Standard language strangely unclear, given brief change around (10)
- 12 Drinker flourishing (4)
- 13 Top prop behind opening in curtain (5)
- 14 Joint I loved jumping, I'm grateful to gain entry (8)
- 16 Crack destroyed photo (8)
- 18 Subject leader's missed in paper (5)
- 20 Benevolent species (4)
- 21 See pace of horse, and hide (10)
- 23 A thousand coiled snakes sounding good (7)
- 24 Cloth masks provided to cause fear (7)
- 25 Connection rare in layers (6)
- 26 Car in European country (6)

DOWN

- 1 Spot spotted, we hear? (5)
- 2 Serious numbers in unlimited fines (7)
- 3 Game bound to stop (9)

- 5 Not entirely wonderful, A German drink (5)
- 6 Adjustment in leg isn't for upper garment (7)
- 7 A sprinter unlikely to turn out (9)
- 10 Old British statesman delighted with jewel (9)
- 13 Little money around on vessel seeking vast land (9)
- 15 Unable to speak, five officers originally melted? (9)
- 17 Boss, lazybones after secretary (7)
- 19 River again rising in extensive Asian region (7)
- 21 Talk about cold nation! (5)
- 22 Loading Luger firstly, rampant shooter (5)

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