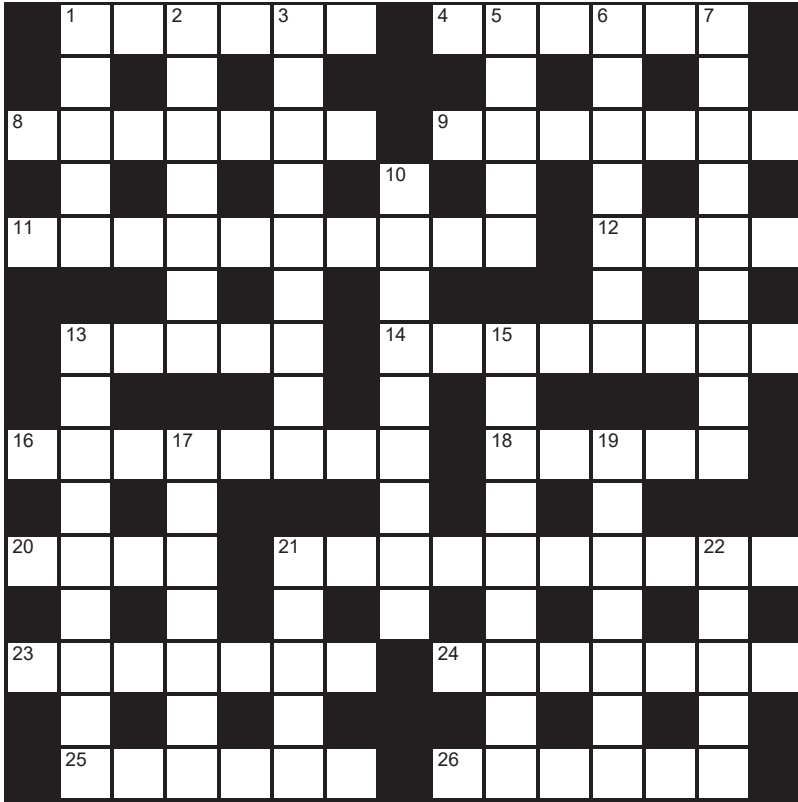


# CROSSWORD

No 16,720 Set by WANDERER



## ACROSS

- 1, 4** This scoundrel reformed after losing a small fortune (6,6)
- 8** Kim's his novel, showing faith in India (7)
- 9** Wanderer's following Aussie journalist, not his English journeyman (7)
- 11** Senior cops, possibly with little time for love? (10)
- 12** In short, a cornmeal dish (4)
- 13** Unhappy hour, oddly, for wandering holy man (5)
- 14** Cruelly hang a Scotsman or West African (8)
- 16** Sort of meat for a formal meal (8)
- 18** Bull finally covering half of cows (just beginning) (5)
- 20** Muscles moving retroactively in most Alsations (4)
- 21** Fought first of opponents regularly and enjoyed a game once (10)
- 23** One who gives in surprisingly readily (English, not American) (7)
- 24** Sporting approach? Of course, yes (7)
- 25, 26** Not seen to have broken the law, getting 1 across 4? (6,6)

## DOWN

- 1** Problem afoot after bishop cancelled wedding? (5)
- 2** Like some junctions with tragic deaths primarily prevented (1-6)
- 3** Something not worth pursuing? Missing a reason for that (4,5)
- 5** Form of 4 that is the ultimate in "Jeepers creepers!" (5)
- 6** Perchance ate meal after 16? (4,3)
- 7** Maybe it's right, briefly being disturbed by lockdown? (4-5)
- 10** What's needed, we hear, after rising: knockout pastries or cakes (9)
- 13** Easily sickened by somewhat brusque Amis homilies (9)
- 15** Team up with a lively girl, say, before 6 (9)
- 17** Keep daughter on board? Made a move there (7)
- 19** Like Uncle Sam, nourished by large bananas? That's not good (7)
- 21** Long note initially berating Republican First Lady (5)
- 22** Without opening app, make overtures to swimmer (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,719

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