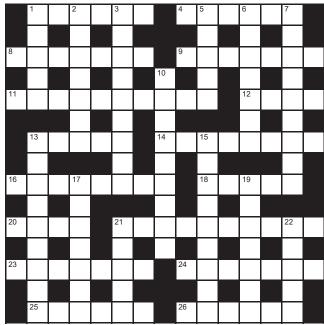
Crossword 16,828 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Lift fragment (6)
- 4Fruit drink (6)
- 8 Large vessel where blighter stores bread (7)9 Ghastly female hack, say,
- touring Hackney (7)
- **11** Failing, where lids come down? (2,3,5)
- **12** Might one be shooting up umpteen stairs extremely rapidly, initially? (4)
- **13** Beat both to pulp, defending right (5)
- **14** Delicate thing, clutch a nightmare! (8)
- **16** In general, go down slope (8)
- **18** Attack humorous statement (5)
- **20**One's high-maintenance bed needs shortening (4)
- **21** Bonkers theme, moving (10)
- 23 Once more, deliver book (7)
- **24**Surprise final scene ends after dawn (7)
- 25 Those mentioning mystery writer (6)
- **26**Unofficial digit, back into second place (6)

DOWN

- **1** Somewhere in Belgium, in European country (5)
- **2** An article in centre of fort, ⁸ different (7)
- **3** Message about member not too much to get over? (9)
- **5** Drake's cry, false (5)
- **6**Where button activated with difficulty (2,1,4)
- **7** Finally peer into a spyhole sneakily, observing fun and games (9)
- **10** Sheep and cows etc, as it happens, standard (9)
- **13** Disaster coming around about noon, being late (9)
- 15 Entering Riga, some terrorists in tank (9)17 Year and difficult for
- **17** Year end difficult for clerical office (7)
- **19** Learn to play tomorrow or the next day? (5,2)
- 21 Bit of fluff left, hoover having cleared house (5)22 Last word said about very on-off device (5)



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