

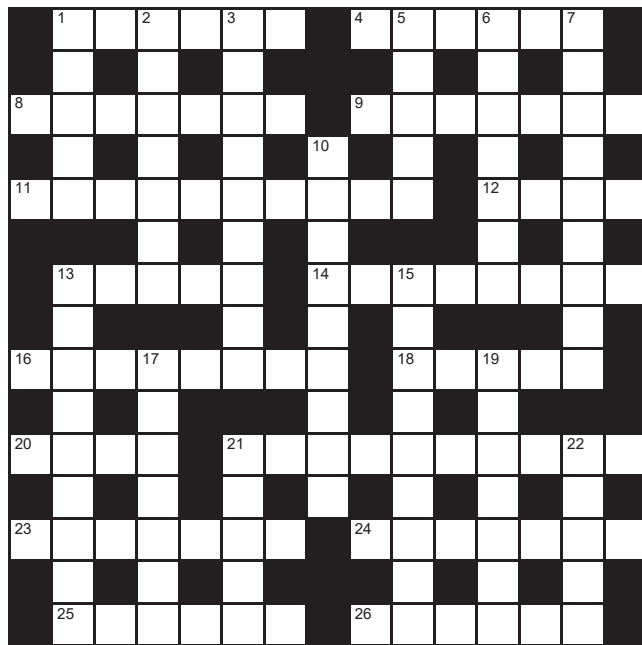
Crossword 16,828 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1** Lift fragment (6)
4 Fruit 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, 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 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)



Solution 16,827

Solution 16,816

