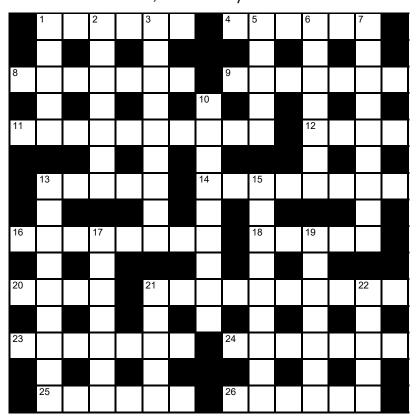
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Roger Squires, crossword setter, died on June 10, aged 91. For many years the world's most prolific compiler, he set for the FT as Dante between 1981 and 2017. We reproduce here a Dante puzzle from 2001. His obituary appears on the opinion pages of today's main section and on ft.com

ACROSS

- 1 Disputes with sweetheart are not frequent (6)
- 4 Shades of Ibsen (6)
- 8 Swallows what's flung out in two directions (7)
- 9 Girl able to recall where dates can be found (7)
- 11 Cook sent in more soup (10) **12** Anger about one point in the matter
- 13 Story-teller for soap set around English
- capital (5) 14 In poor health and expired taking the waters (8)
- **16** A good one can always grow better (8)
- **18** A tissue of lies divides the church (5) 20 Out of work, one gets led astray (4)
- 21 The sweet nonsense of moneymaking (4,6)23 Annoyed when out — of painkiller? (7)
- 24 Wood found where one river enters another (7)
- 25 An idle form of rejection (6)
- 26 Optical shutter (6)

DOWN

- 1 Is climbing in a rough mountainous area (5)
- 2 Charming things to wear (7)
- 3 The point of this device is not always apparent (6-3)
- 5 Draw a hole (5)
- 6 Power at mains switch (7)
- **7** Deep breath? (3.6)
- 10 It affects the weather in a winter battle zone (4.5)
- 13 Gave up and left (9)
- **15** Upset friends, content to be casual (9)
- 17 China ends red revolution (7)
- 19 It is highly important to change lanes entering M1 (7)
- 21 Heaven-sent sustenance for many a girl (5)
- 22 Tip in stupendous style (2-3)