

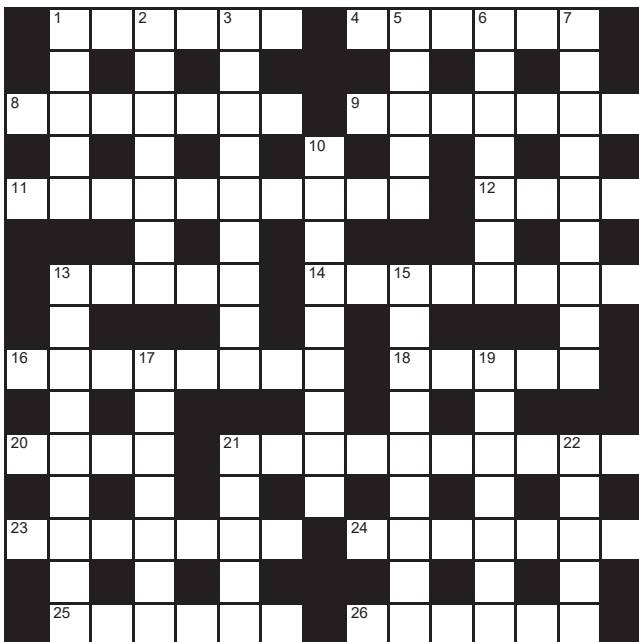
CROSSWORD 17,719 by ROSA KLEBB

ACROSS

- 1** Hairless bear trapped by Poles (6)
4 Has manipulated index tracker (6)
8 Winding up idiot, endlessly confident (7)
9 Easy to approach anonymous fellow with story (7)
11 Bloody angry as uni mismanaged (10)
12 Reportedly get better tip (4)
13 Bottle some delicious pineapples (5)
14 Not becoming daring if rattled (5,3)
16 Blind Jack, a villain without the first bit of integrity (8)
18 Retired Poirot perhaps stripped for money (5)
20 Oddly ignoring new baby, finally shrugs and goes out (4)
21 Foolish ritual of silent central bank boss (5,5)
23 Slander Man City (7)
24 Supporter of mine very softly embracing sex professional (7)
25 Thought of sea beyond river (6)
26 Monstrous female priest refused to move on (6)

DOWN

- 1** Ancient dictator upset the whole of America (5)
2 Nana perhaps starts to admire immense weapon (7)
3 Prematurity of wrinkles in lugs (9)
5 Hulking male Yankee welcoming us (5)
6 Old money from unbridled Rachmanism (7)
7 Weaselly type upset wine lover (9)
10 Stuffing turkey's opening with nutty ready-mix (9)
13 Right pig stalking celebrity on date (9)
15 Subsequent admirers (9)
17 Hide cocaine in busy bourse (7)
19 Initially clean top half of legs beneath bum crease (7)
21 Half-heartedly deal with disorder among animals (5)
22 Jeer extremely rumbustious oafs (5)



Solution 17,713

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