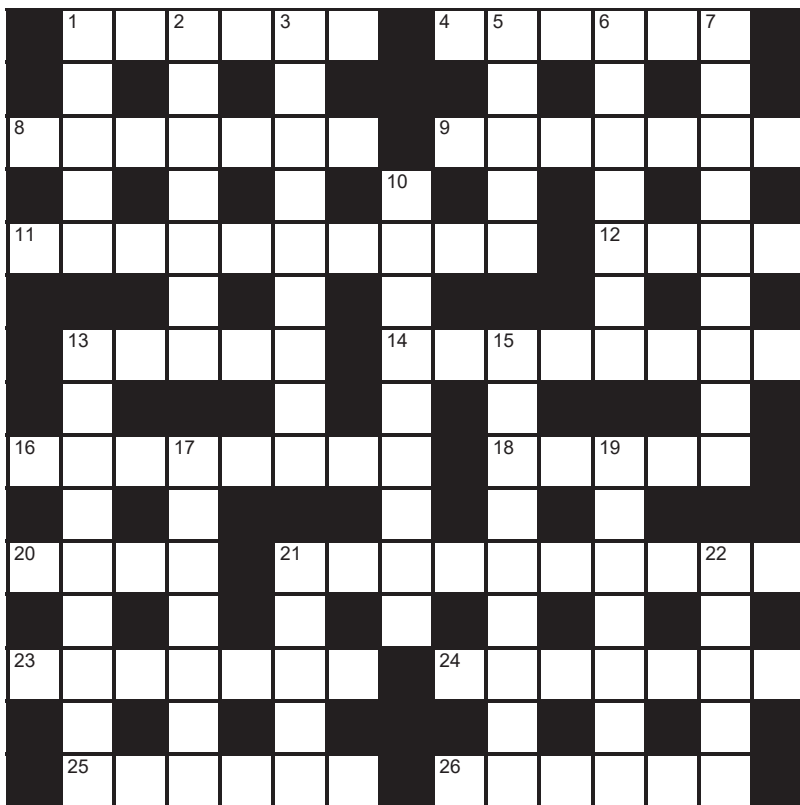


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Quickly becoming aware of standing by prince (6)
- 4 Single daughter extremely gullible when nervous (2,4)
- 8 Dante regularly ignored allure of crack (7)
- 9 Note by Rex on manuscript describing popular place of worship (7)
- 11 Visit country to get largely unfamiliar gemstone (10)
- 12 Somewhat degenerate bawd returning to assist in crime (4)
- 13 Obsession of academic starts to nullify intellectual awareness (5)
- 14 Girl overwhelmed by compassion after copper's greed (8)
- 16 Growth at home to stop around end of year (8)
- 18 By no means all declare belief in revolt (5)
- 20 Deceived over opening of news agency (4)
- 21 Curt once played around in Paris I guess (10)
- 23 Summarise existing course of action (7)
- 24 Curious desire to protect Updike's source remains (7)
- 25 Workers losing bit of momentum before strike's conclusion (6)
- 26 Poseidon perhaps in love captured by Degas dancing (3,3)

DOWN

- 1 Paul oddly exaggerated over feature of baroque art (5)
- 2 Occupied during trip (7)
- 3 Cover prohibition with article on American boss (3,6)
- 5 Jack heard about Italian leader being innocent (5)
- 6 Worked on small vehicle kept inside shed (7)
- 7 Basic design of metal eel maintaining hint of naturalism (9)
- 10 Villain's crimes affected social worker (9)
- 13 Small scale version of car found by volunteers back near river (9)
- 15 Soldier on parade initially finding hesitation hard to endure (9)
- 17 King became confused and unkempt in appearance (7)
- 19 In Crosby covering a race (7)
- 21 Rule on first of claims immediately (5)
- 22 Frank's dog runs for hours (5)