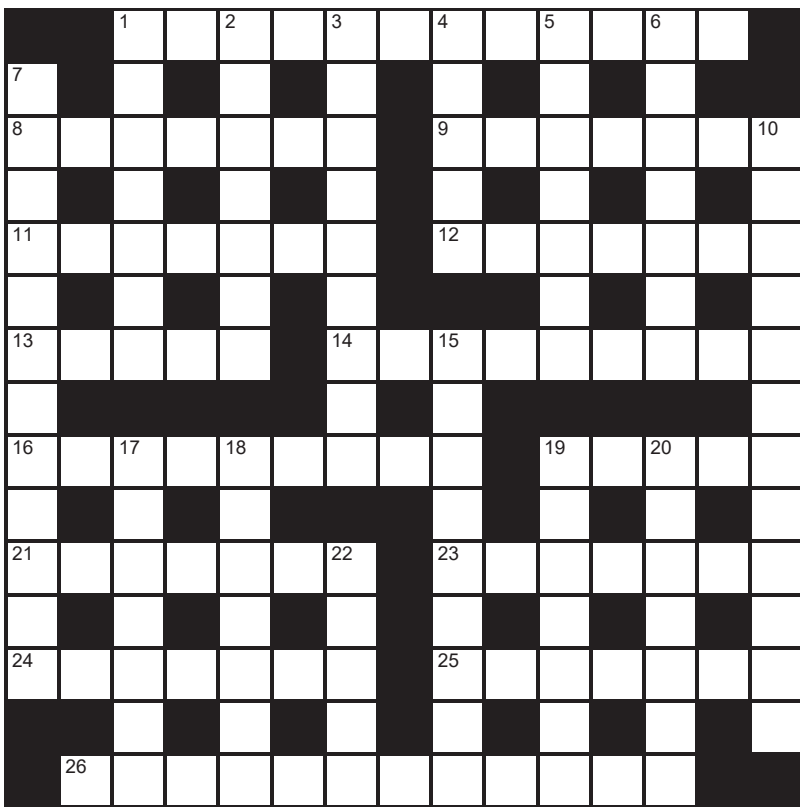


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ACROSS

- 1 Musician playing in recital's exhausted tonight (12)
- 8 Republican character in Greek court revoked law (4,3)
- 9 Sentimental stuff, a bit like *The Pirates of Penzance*? (7)
- 11 Corrupting influence weakens when its extremes are commuted (7)
- 12 Escape from dismal prison, covering heads (7)
- 13 On edge of city, conserving unopened diesel fuel (5)
- 14 Hands developing *Hamlet* captures the allure of *The Mousetrap*? (9)
- 16 One of the Warners completely embracing Ambler novel (5,4)
- 19 Fairies casting essential part of spell must surround *Iolanthe*'s premier singer (5)
- 21 Fumes concentrated with temperature becoming cold (7)
- 23 Makes informal call/demand for moral improvement? (5,2)
- 24 Disgusting headless devil from the East besieges mission every now and then (7)
- 25 Flies Virginia back, returning direct first class (7)
- 26 Discovered dune grass variety is breaking out of control (12)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Soup Dragon's beginning to support Chinese food? I'm not sure (7)
- 2 Cash and carry, having banned plastic cards, collapses — chaos! (7)
- 3 Come between painters mostly touching Venetian frames (9)
- 4 Do very well by cutting starters for every customer eating lunch (5)
- 5 Ground to soak up water (7)
- 6 Henry holds up bag containing lots of pink leaves (7)
- 7 Tense race, leader denied award (12)
- 10 Disregard limits of home education lacking cardinal points (12)
- 15 Sensational stuff from LAMDA — Romeo snubbed in performance (9)
- 17 Lots of deals to be hammered out here (7)
- 18 To some extent, revolutionary thrives on N. American sugar (7)
- 19 Perhaps Joy rebuffed No.1 book? (7)
- 20 Stopped by. Mavis and I mated, in mother's absence... twice (7)
- 22 Bail out of European aircraft going around maximum speed (5)



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