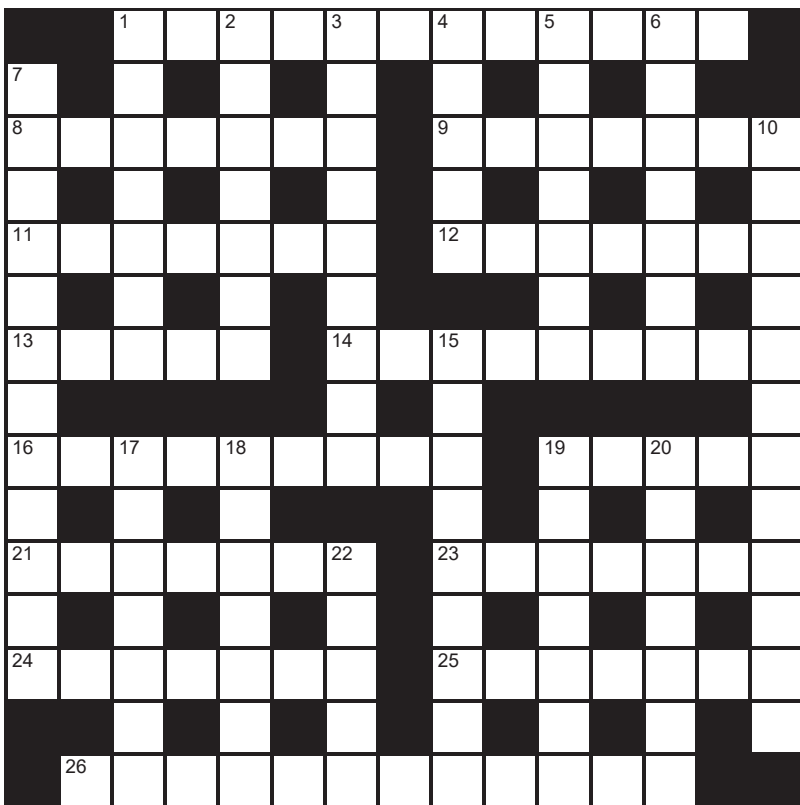


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Appointment tip — finally managed call after dinner (12)
- 8 Too vain about good reception (7)
- 9 Working area of the French king, the best (7)
- 11 In impatient way before long (7)
- 12 Syrup strangely clear — note covers it (7)
- 13 Record help going west by railway (5)
- 14 Fury about knight because false (9)
- 16 Relearn on regular basis after court equipment fraud (9)
- 19 British articles for swim (5)
- 21 Greeting recalled VIP, judge, for us (7)
- 23 Shock treatment — percentage of asset value deducted (7)
- 24 Evading notice by deceiving? Not at first (7)
- 25 Retains redeveloped drink (7)
- 26 Still raven, ever the lesser-spotted, hides (12)

DOWN

- 1 Unusually plain about introduction of organ, a musical instrument (7)
- 2 Service's opening recollected litany, holy (7)
- 3 Careful before buying new pin? Yes, awfully (5-4)
- 4 Periodic inspection of car over time (5)
- 5 Become aware of record, not half modern (7)
- 6 A non-drinker, Bill, he's diplomat (7)
- 7 Regard as up to it and worthy of respect (12)
- 10 Friend about to interfere slyly, securing advantage (12)
- 15 Certain about cleaner ultimately deserving extra payment (9)
- 17 Cock-up initially, guarantee harsh criticism (7)
- 18 Controversial ground on net? (7)
- 19 Extremely bitter one's let off, show anger (7)
- 20 Manoeuvres using diplomacy in circumstances sensitive at the outset (7)
- 22 Genuine claim (5)