

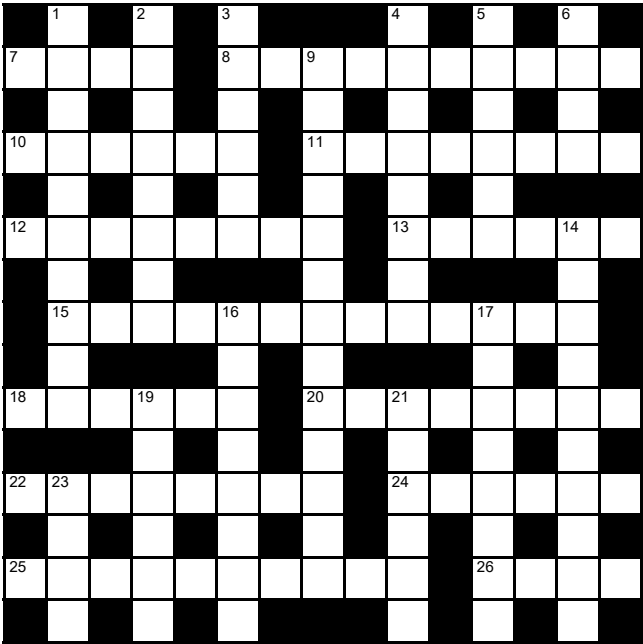
CROSSWORD 18,264 by ROSA KLEBB

ACROSS

- 7 Gave birth and tolerated pain well, for an Aussie (4)
8 Gather article in both hands for security (10)
10 Classes are laid back, on dope (6)
11 Pleasure-seeking couple entertaining male on welfare (4-4)
12 Utmost of these briefly stopping Trump (8)
13 Single chap, discontented and glum (6)
15 Many scandals about to engulf international tax haven (6,7)
18 St Helier perhaps turned hot and humid (6)
20 Spoke after end of ding-dong and threatened to go out (8)
22 Person fostering teen from Barking (8)
24 Inspid sunshine left one disappointed at first (6)
25 Disorderly scene in bar angered drunk (4,6)
26 Promises of money dropped from phoney stimulus (4)

DOWN

- 1 Erotic acrobat cavorting heartily after penal code amended (4,6)
2 Not much money in bank of late (8)
3 Fix fight with European (6)
4 Excited state after cocaine and revelry (8)
5 Pulse is fast, almost unhealthy (6)
6 Passionate women's weapon (4)
9 Spooner's spirit remained likely to lift (5-8)
14 Writer's grave keeping heart's ultimate secret (10)
16 Old Nick beginning to tempt cracking tennis champ (8)
17 Unnecessary rivalry with second son (8)
19 Regularly using prose, attempt verse (6)
21 Elite backing some unashamed nepotism (3-3)
23 Comply with honour and dignity at last (4)



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