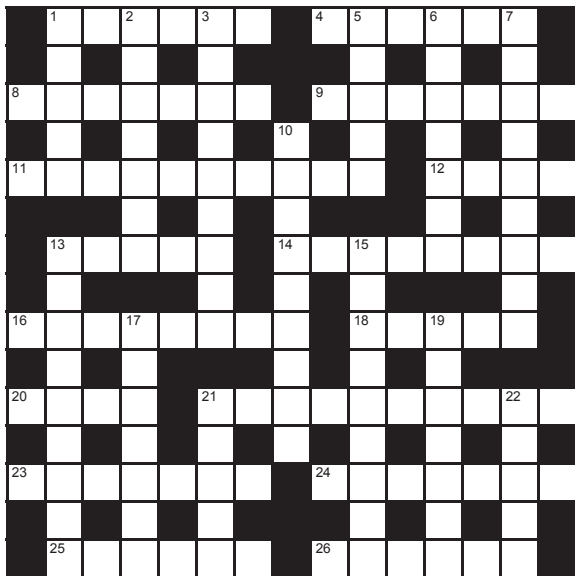


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,927 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Winner of event? Just second (6)
- 4 One of two identical bits of research into cooks' receding gums? (6)
- 8 Parent eats one fine preserve (7)
- 9 Where one might see cowslips too! (7)
- 11 Fake gem, a mix of nine others (10)
- 12 Real soapstone content, as well (4)
- 13 Adolescent infatuation with a Turkish officer (5)
- 14 Lightning rod? One might have it on camera (8)
- 16 Most disjointed hint setter included in sample (8)
- 18 Record opening item in account? (5)
- 20 Regulars leaving GI's army by foot (4)
- 21 Slightly queasy? Poor Sue - girl's taken sick, having cheese-filled pancake (10)
- 23 Fellow Scot's bloomer (7)
- 24 Southern state, not Iowa (7)
- 25 Film detectives turned off? (6)
- 26 Part taken by Scotsman, a poor player (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Guarantee? You'll need this for using coupon without hesitation (5)
- 2 Firmly establishes setter that's heading for success (7)

- 3 Most stubbly face disguised by oxygen mask (9)
- 5 Start with a victory before the City comeback? (5)
- 6 What's said on passing around hat and pipe (7)
- 7 Where two poisoned former PM (9)
- 10 Sponsor hated frog jumping around (9)
- 13 Pirate very briefly in action? (9)
- 15 One flap extremely unusual on adult hip bone sockets (9)
- 17 A tongue can, if pierced by Greek character (7)
- 19 End up accommodating wife with fashionable washing machine (4-3)
- 21 Question and answer session's most prolific setter? As if! (5)
- 22 Skipped through meadow, part that's emptied in springtime (5)

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