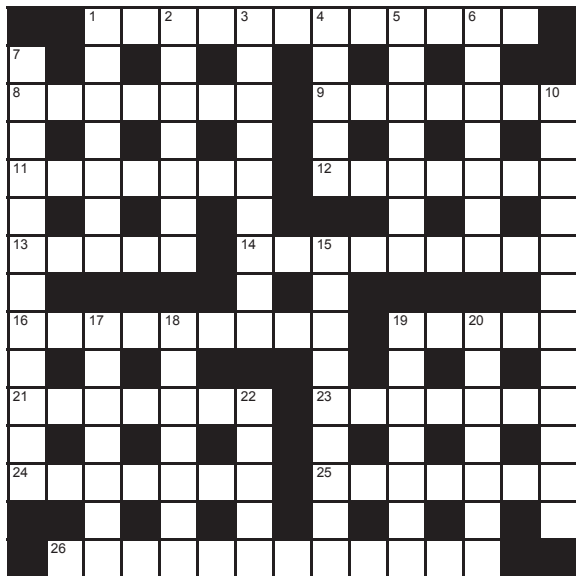


CROSSWORD

No. 15,853 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Conservative cult around, bizarrely, a bloke never featured in *The Mirror* (5,7)
- 8 Herb, going past Ohio, turned his ass around (7)
- 9 "Back up, bub" clutching good recipe for chicken in a basket (3,4)
- 11 One featured in president Hoover's first victory (7)
- 12 Totally rejected ruthenium, hydrogen + another element (7)
- 13 Breastfeeds regularly, yet is criticised! (5)
- 14 With which Charlie's blowing head off game bird? (9)
- 16 I resolved to transform characters like the 25s (9)
- 19 One refusing to accept meat in transit, say? (5)
- 21 Somewhat revolting, Margaret spayed dog (7)
- 23 Stop silly aunt visiting school (7)
- 24 *The King and I* actor invites dance ensemble round for a song (7)
- 25 A peripheral figure to unmask reputedly dishonest character (7)
- 26 Honest, intense work by Shelley (12)

DOWN

- 1 I've served up stuffing for cold and hot lamb (7)
- 2 Lacking a piece (like Milos's Aphrodite) (7)

- 3 Honk horn, at first long-suffering (9)
- 4 Experts know these guys (5)
- 5 Sole trader in fruity drink (7)
- 6 Having suddenly changed direction, enticed to take in Switzerland (7)
- 7 Lab engineer of histamide prescribed orally by Spooner (6,6)
- 10 Massage upset involved naked seraglio getting bottom pinched; such wicked men! (5,3,4)
- 15 Engineer on route sees northbound services (4,5)
- 17 See 19
- 18 Evacuate carriage, finding alien in tube (7)
- 19, 17 He introduced fifty to grisly primeval death (4,3,7)
- 20 For information, Italian turned over an alpine flower (7)
- 22 Frost Report seen at 9? (5)

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