CROSSWORD
No. 15,914 Set by NEO

ACROSS
1. Cat draped round leg having sulk (6)
2. Senior politician wants skirt on rump made shorter (8)
3. Greek character on spacecraft to flirt (9)
4. Good bread in fact stale (8)
5. Ballet article by head cryptographer? (3,10)
6. Willing learner with an Asian ensemble (7)
7. An Italian city offers subtle charm (5)
8. Computer enthusiast over time liable to blow fuse (6)
9. Innocent one in place for congregation (5)
10. Spoilt or bad meat in hunk (9)
11. Not caught, Sam for example remains free (7)
12. Mann’s novella — I’ve enhanced it spectacularly! (5,2,6)
13. Resilience enlivens non-European in recession (7)
14. Almost done with tea dance (8)
15. Cleaner is coming in Tuesday having elevated service (9)
16. Eccentric American avoiding press and public (2,6)
17. National obsession little man embodies (8)
18. Strange craving observed in city up at top (6)
19. Look quickly in small container (4)
20. Ropy work from staff packaging butter (7)
21. Old port — the writer’s joining British sailors in it (6)
22. River sources only running high in northeast (5)
23. Renegade finally accepted by respectable relative (5)
24. American friend in Soul City (7)
25. Sound cut in shout to encourage knight (9)
26. Woman’s smart hairstyle trimmed front and back (6)

DOWN
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2. Willing learner with an Asian ensemble (7)
3. An Italian city offers subtle charm (5)
4. Computer enthusiast over time liable to blow fuse (6)
5. Senior politician wants skirt on rump made shorter (8)
6. Greek character on spacecraft to flirt (9)
7. One regulated little sister’s intellectual activity (6)
8. National obsession little man embodies (8)
9. Look quickly in small container (4)
10. Ropy work from staff packaging butter (7)
11. Old port — the writer’s joining British sailors in it (6)

Solution 15,913