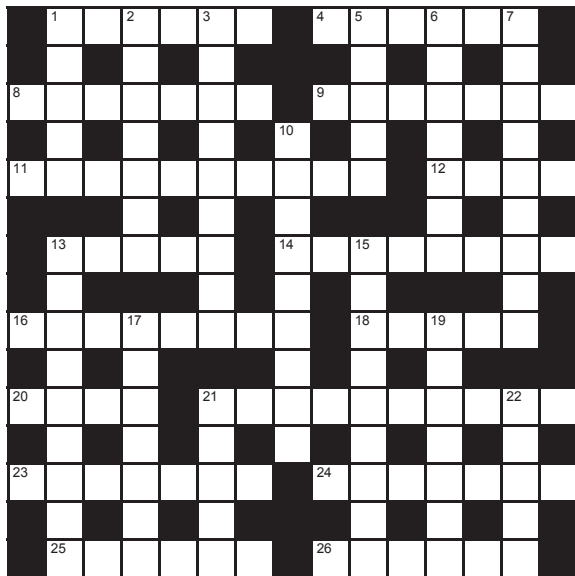


CROSSWORD

No. 16,203 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Past husband, one wearing bow (6)
- 4 Blocked miserly duke (6)
- 8 Around four, fabricate excuse (7)
- 9 Obvious to follow prices given the odds for a horse (7)
- 11 Holds Cratchet partly responsible for Dickens (3,7)
- 12 Bad-tempered person reflected thus (4)
- 13 Saying too much in very little time (5)
- 14 Film rent collected in retrograde old hoax (6,2)
- 16 Managed to get female superstar over for US worker (8)
- 18 New clue about origin of rags and riches (5)
- 20 Remove centre of tip any minute (4)
- 21 Sight of wife driven mad (10)
- 23 Old Russian manoeuvred in style (7)
- 24 Central American money: five pesos ultimately required (7)
- 25 Order to go round commander's back (6)
- 26 Unopened letters scattered about the homeless? (6)

DOWN

- 1 American cook's right to block British and Australian news (5)
- 2 Lofty clique in the upper strata? (4-3)

- 3 Just about runs further – but not hereafter (9)
- 5 Actress once left octet short (5)
- 6 Frosty, definitively negative (7)
- 7 Care required by daft Ozzie blokes getting picked up (9)
- 10 Boss, one stirring up game for the better? (4,5)
- 13 Depth of substance in pits with small pick inside (9)
- 15 Weather system in Florida 14 almost changed (4,5)
- 17 Hidden underground cell, leaders in international crime (7)
- 19 Suggest additional meaning of denial covered by short story (7)
- 21 Obscene gesture that can be picked out when going through investigation? (1-4)
- 22 Chuck out defective item with missing lid (5)

Solution 16,202

