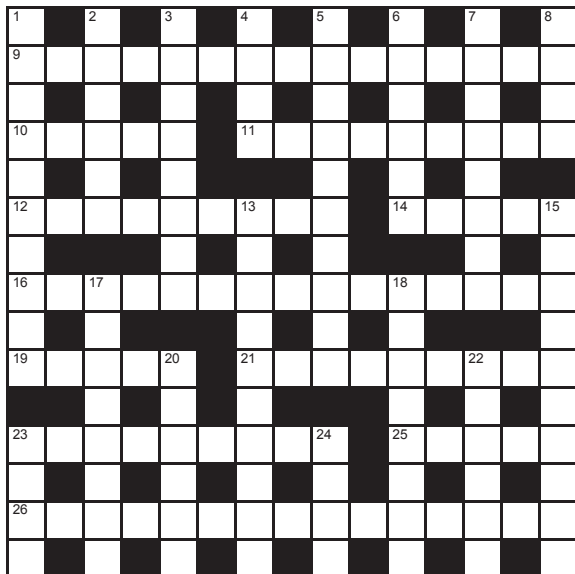


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 9 Unwisely rile porter with photo showing Basil Fawlty, say (5,10)
- 10 American after fortune for plant (5)
- 11 Sporting contest put on outside chalet in resort (9)
- 12 Billy Bunter perhaps in train, getting by eating *nothing*? (9)
- 14 Piano note – it reverberated round courtyard (5)
- 16 How does one get the washing dry *and* relax? (3,2,3,4,3)
- 19 Pair in quite a battle (5)
- 21 Unwell, a guy is uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 23 Lads set off to bring in gold struck (9)
- 25 Cap dismissed – Benaud's last over (5)
- 26 Ministers, in private, sign (4,11)

DOWN

- 1 Something easily done in *Peter Pan*, for example (6,4)
- 2 Close to tears, very small person with a sharp pain in the side (6)
- 3 Last song about a Gorbachev initiative (8)
- 4 Poke pochard's head with a slender stick (4)

- 5 Carol happy to change? That's questionable (10)
- 6 Famous spinner in tent (3,3)
- 7 Knife fight about it upset league's leader (8)
- 8 Smooth things out in golf club (4)
- 13 A scientific study – basic still, unfortunately (10)
- 15 Where there may be slates free (2,3,5)
- 17 Boring book about anger on top of softbacks (8)
- 18 Out? A Liberal admitting nothing speculative (8)
- 20 Put down soft drink (6)
- 22 Sim, maybe, as overlooked star (6)
- 23 One going round hospital in pain (4)
- 24 What one eats in assembly? (4)

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