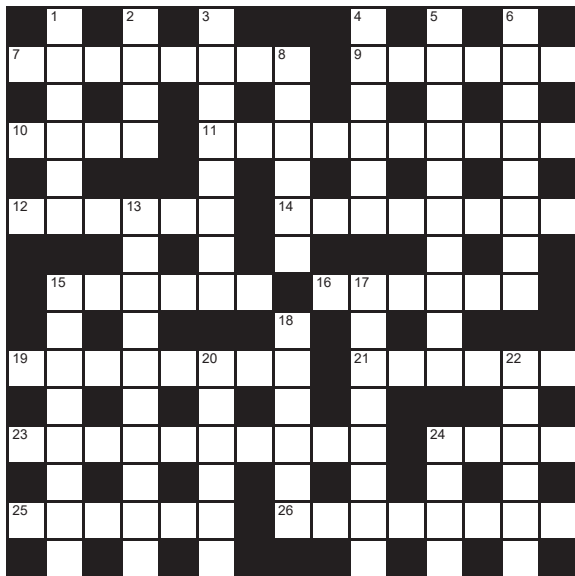


CROSSWORD

No. 16,487 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 7 Note received by compliant home (8)
- 9 Narcissist first to pursue, say, Oscar (6)
- 10 Alcohol served in western fruit salad (4)
- 11 The old are opening new school in France (3,7)
- 12 Here's one for poking in bed (6)
- 14 Check pilot who's in charge on board (8)
- 15 Failing to open hole in rough slate when turning screw (6)
- 16 Interval of time in old grotto (6)
- 19 A range of votes cast following vapid talk (3,5)
- 21 Question about the American Revolution is primarily a national one (6)
- 23 Make better material with one's outside broadcast (10)
- 24 Song they amend intermittently (4)
- 25 Abandon fault (6)
- 26 Bell outside semi-detached property affected hearing again (8)

DOWN

- 1 Art form developed in Bosnia (6)
- 2 Network built by Dutch not quite current (4)

- 3 Decline to enter dreadful English contest (8)
- 4 Cover journalist in public meetings (6)
- 5 Familiar worker chasing opposite, mostly (10)
- 6 Lark these days in flight (8)
- 8 Tempt novice after first four quit (6)
- 13 Vendor I engage to hide deception (10)
- 15 One cutting weight succeeded in awards (8)
- 17 Company still heartless over extremely tiresome flirt (8)
- 18 Fix match, not for the first time (6)
- 20 Nothing ordinary's left inside European city (6)
- 22 Prompt check about married daughter (6)
- 24 Greeting more dignified in speech (4)

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