CROSSWORD
No. 15,720 Set by DOGBERRY

ACROSS
1  Maybe Spanish gunshot severing digit (6)
4  Composer taken from Zanzibar to Kenya (6)
8  Wherewithal to cook good puzzle (7)
9  Tree, see, housing loud insect (7)
11  Cyber-bully pursing material with which to smear first half of 14? (6,4)
12  Collaborators said to be numerous (4)
13  In which one may be left abandoned? (5)
14  Dig for dirt, coming back with sea monster, mostly (4-4)
16  Lops head off flower (8)
18  Moon-painter minus one (5)
20  Older relative – nearly 1,000? (4)
21  Pan repeatedly presenting protagonist of 1, 19 (5,5)
23  Sneeze, or what to use after one, some say (7)
24  Fields beyond river (7)
25  Flips out with female joint (6)
26  Drink distilled from treacle, mostly (6)

DOWN
1  What's found under “head for heights” – love? (5)
2  Not quite all round, gnarled and knotty (7)
3  Cut handle off and opened (9)
5  Adroit Ella oddly showing spirit (5)
6  Look likely to fall about with user of social media (7)
7  Like drink brewed in old cask (9)
10  Dreadful deed not beginning to involve Kennedy – business as usual? (9)
13  Young woman embracing facile ceremony (4,5)
15  Howl – wound's beginning to ulcerate badly (4,5)
17  Composer receiving second inaugural gift (7)
19  Dubious character of tornado (7)
21  Impervious to evidence (5)
22  Bird lifted out of detergent (5)

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