

ACROSS

- 8 Drink found in my train (4-4)
 9 A club's securing English sinks (6)
 10 Aussie mate's sock left out (6)
 11 Citizen, one working in South African region (8)
 12 Sniper shot kids, essentially, face to face (2,6)
 13 Gun used by a posh writer (6)
 14 Simple decision that's up for review (15)
 18 Drives cattle (6)
 20 Monarch stops meeting shrink (8)
 23 Old man uptown regularly takes in sick dog (8)
 24 Vehicle in race not second (6)
 25 Sharper answer more appealing (6)
 26 Piano, say, in wet fluid (8)

DOWN

- 1 Chair reportedly lost deliberately (6)
 2 Serious soldiers knocked back headgear (8)
 3 Singers from Switzerland or America (6)
 4 Complaint one's expecting to encounter (7,8)
 5 Actors sing with single singers (8)
 6 Troops occupying island's houses (6)
 7 Asian born outside China, she has no husband (8)
 15 Bird, one turning up on roof (8)
 16 Surprisingly ruthless crooks (8)
 17 A friend accepting setter's bitterness (8)
 19 Lives with former partner and first son (6)
 21 One steals underwear with sides splitting (6)
 22 Autocrat oddly ignored papers in vehicle (6)

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