

ACROSS

- 8 Simple clothes one left by a church (8)
 9 Wise man held by American customs (6)
 10 Admiring Jack (6)
 11 Better road wheels demonstrated (8)
 12 Political programme not entirely obvious (8)
 13 Fancy new ointment with a pound off (6)
 14 New point that confused socialist party (5,3,4,3)
 18 More considerate children in Potsdam (6)
 20 Accountant close to perjury in hearing (8)
 23 Singers and actors free to shed clothing (8)
 24 Effective drug used by hospital department (6)
 25 Sheep somewhat slimmer in October (6)
 26 Discuss easy victory, with time for whisky (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Country with no soldiers in view (6)
 2 Copper, I sense, is in allotment (8)
 3 45 and not married yet? (6)
 4 Third-rate soap is about hospital workers (15)
 5 Meet vagrant with horse (4,4)
 6 Floor plan (3,3)
 7 Religious leader holding seances regularly with sovereign woman (8)
 15 Lively maiden dancing without a partner, essentially (8)
 16 One carrying out neat killing (8)
 17 Writing books in the country (8)

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- 19 Particular Eurocrat eviscerated in parliament (6)
 21 Mark ultimately found on fruit (6)
 22 Guide called by the Queen (6)