

ACROSS

- 1 Political promises not same if different (9)
- 6 Idle talk that could explode? (3)
- 8 Main body in the East or South (5)
- 9 Dull thing true in novel about love (7)
- 10 Education means fifty with a job? (8)
- 11 Endlessly examine something on football boot (4)
- 13 Agreement to swallow during attempt (6)
- 14 Dishevelled group in the rain? (6)
- 17 Stardom starts to fade, and many evaporate (4)
- 19 Treatment for dime nice, though unlikely (8)
- 22 Land, not sea I suspect (7)
- 23 Great to get American backing for each (5)
- 24 Tree has to be chopped up (3)
- 25 Liquid mixer wet as road, unfortunately (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Perhaps lead bullet finally found in dinner (5)
- 2 Tell story that's managed to come up at speed (7)
- 3 Measure school up for additional comment (8)
- 4 Abandon bit of thread (6)
- 5 Soup fantastic, great work! (4)
- 6 Shame covered in gold, we hear (5)
- 7 Letter-writer holds first of letters, slim (7)
- 12 Tool with which I can wash out (8)
- 13 Material, lard turning up with cheese (7)
- 15 Hurt domestic animal, dog (7)
- 16 Given money back when nappy returned (6)
- 18 Football game for a striker? (5)
- 20 Point twice right or it's wrong (5)
- 21 Responsibility lies with you and me (4)

