

**ACROSS**

- 1 Part of others should break, or shouldn't! (12)
- 9 Brief film role came to nothing (5)
- 10 Ground can take in rare movement (7)
- 11 Spoil something with teeth with an outer layer of cake (8)
- 12 Gas, none explosive (4)
- 14 Said to be sign of percussion disc (6)
- 15 Talk much about nothing but batter cake (6)
- 18 Instrument of torture to split having lost head (4)
- 20 Bleak time, cooked sole eaten (8)
- 23 State region endless in operatic song (7)
- 24 Go in, going into shipment erroneously (5)
- 25 Batsmen learn bad etiquette (5,7)

**DOWN**

- 2 Dull noise of a bee on instrument (7)
- 3 Very hot in the news about Russian leader (8)
- 4 Catch parent being drunk (6)
- 5 Left side of ship at Dover, perhaps (4)
- 6 Speak at zero speed (5)
- 7 Intended to pocket last of stolen money (7)
- 8 Fraudulent scheme putting coats up (4)
- 13 French leader negotiating loan? Nope! (8)
- 14 Fruit of today, we hear (7)
- 16 Praise insincerely, being less round (7)
- 17 State where Dave in article brought up (6)
- 19 Go up cold leg, possibly (5)
- 21 Merit for listener at pole (4)
- 22 Drill for tedious person (4)

