

ACROSS

- 8 Cold-blooded individual, a criminal's after an American lawyer (8)
9 Southern ruler captures Italy, going downhill quickly (6)
10 Sticky face reflected by sea (6)
11 Got it on a bed, unfortunately (8)
12 Know half-cut waiter working in Jersey, perhaps (8)
13 Bacterium seen in extremely attractive dress (6)
14 Android, perhaps is pest to Germany when let loose (9,6)
18 Particular task force (6)
20 Former partner demands bellows (8)
23 Sit and learn about places to go (8)
24 Rock hits composed with seventh chord initially (6)
25 Cat knocked back duck, breaking bill (6)
26 Delay getting into nastier character in Hamlet (8)

DOWN

- 1 Succeeding in revolution (2,4)
2 Weapon in armistice not entirely ruined (8)
3 Nervous working with Irish guitarist (2,4)
4 Urban television broadcast requiring many staff (6-9)
5 Missing boxes originally held small waste receptacles (8)
6 Row about papers becoming more organised (6)
7 Men working with bees outside left group (8)
15 Gongs in poetry always carried by servants (8)
16 Gifted writer holds up story books (8)

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- 17 Bing Crosby initially abandons a chap with legs broken (8)
19 A priest gets help to make chicken (6)
21 Keep learning in class (6)
22 Weapon encountered outside this country, containing sulphur (6)