

ACROSS

- 8 First and second to cut wood (8)
9 Takes delight in eating American bread (6)
10 Hookers finally trust eccentric props (6)
11 Dislike a model (8)
12 Exercising is boring (8)
13 Mistakes are holding Jack back (6)
14 Period in US, say, working up mountain track (11,4)
18 Kindly fellow, little disheartened (6)
20 Love poetry oddly ignored lads abroad (8)
23 Make tea, sandwiches and start to navigate novel (5-3)
24 Fix file (6)
25 Currently playing well, in brief (6)
26 Free rent finally secured by soldiers (8)

DOWN

- 1 Send the Queen a bill (6)
2 Remains outside boozier in country (8)
3 Bighead upset by a single tree (6)
4 Simple footballer holding up hand (15)
5 Clark Kent, perhaps, has broken large toe (5,3)
6 Main wheels in vehicle for emperor (6)
7 About to get beer for journalist (8)
15 One fish without head? That's perfect (8)
16 Dodgy menus are something often put in websites (8)
17 Problem with diet has one breaking wind (8)
19 Nurse covers leg tissue (6)
21 Paisley criminal avoiding copper without difficulty (6)
22 Time to support tech giant's software (6)

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