

ACROSS

- 7 Ties up the rest, mistakenly (7)
- 8 Two small states put on large railway competition (7)
- 10 Broke chest (4)
- 11 All those who can make one cross? (10)
- 12 Take away CD, duet awful (6)
- 13 Spice swindle involves pub before noon (8)
- 15 Southern drink people drink on eastern type of transport (5,6)
- 19 Tracks down queen inside rows of houses (8)
- 21 Don't start to go back – leave! (6)
- 22 Man's heart's broken resulting in torment (10)
- 24 Turning point in tax legislation (4)
- 25 Brawl journalist only just got through (7)
- 26 Stuffy, but lacking affectation? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Knocks down scurrilous seducer (7)
- 2 Field event competitor fired by club (4-6)
- 3 Teenager making beverage (5,3)
- 4 Practically besotted by hand warmer (6)
- 5 Some despairing couple (4)
- 6 Speech connected with inner proportion (7)
- 9 Poor Peter cheats but is class favourite (8,3)
- 14 Sailor and friend embracing standard in unusual way (10)

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- 16 Flyer's target destroyed by Italian (5,3)
- 17 Play-off about striker (7)
- 18 Futile having to save more? (7)
- 20 Pet firm's established (6)
- 23 Go back through Pasadena as soon as possible (inits)(4)