

ACROSS

- 1 Shade of blue (6)
- 4 Panted (6)
- 9 Short sample of a piece of writing (7)
- 10 Substitute doctor (5)
- 11 Border (4)
- 12 Slightly shabby (5-2)
- 14 Mother or father (6)
- 16 Hateful (6)
- 19 Italian cheese in creamy desserts (7)
- 21 Period of reduced prices (4)
- 23 All-night religious ceremony (5)
- 24 Assorted (7)
- 25 Constraint by threat (6)
- 26 Tooth covering (6)

DOWN

- 1 Component of a list (4)
- 2 Tie-breaker (7)
- 3 Deep ravine (5)
- 5 Not cherished or held dear (7)
- 6 Confronted (5)
- 7 Decrease (8)
- 8 Stepping post (5)
- 13 Endorsed, sanctioned (8)
- 15 Stinging weeds (7)
- 17 Liquid fuel barrel (3,4)
- 18 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' author (5)
- 20 Havana, cheroot, etc (5)
- 21 Square root of 49 (5)
- 22 Door chime (4)

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