

ACROSS

- 1 Brawn (4)
- 3 Expecting a baby (8)
- 9 Phrasing (7)
- 10 Transpire (5)
- 11 Currency unit of India (5)
- 12 Sign on as a soldier (6)
- 14 Simmer in a covered container (6)
- 15 Wrongly takes over (6)
- 18 Oriental martial art using blows and kicks (4,2)
- 20 Wheel-shafts (5)
- 22 In existence (5)
- 23 Milk pudding (7)
- 25 Head of a state department (8)
- 26 Sewn borders (4)

DOWN

- 1 German car manufacturer (inits) (3)
- 2 Major international trade bloc (8,5)
- 4 Lament (6)
- 5 Dog's angry noise (5)
- 6 Stately house (9,4)
- 7 Mountain lake (4)
- 8 Arm muscle (6)
- 11 Valuable red gemstone (4)
- 13 River Thames at Oxford (4)
- 16 Boggy (6)
- 17 Pad at the back of Victorian skirts (6)
- 19 Have a stab at a quiz answer (5)
- 21 Soothing agent (4)
- 24 Commercials, in short (3)

