

ACROSS

- 1 Pledge (8)
- 5 Chicken ____, poultry and garlic dish (4)
- 9 Tests of knowledge (5)
- 10 Courage (7)
- 11 Wine sediment (4)
- 12 Ticket on a product for sale (5,3)
- 14 Cruel (6)
- 15 Expresses scorn or derision (6)
- 18 Pitcher on the dining table (5,3)
- 20 Shock into silence (4)
- 23 Has a strong effect (on) (7)
- 24 Part of milk with a high fat content (5)
- 25 Famous Spanish artist (4)
- 26 Bad fit (8)

DOWN

- 1 Read out letter by letter (5)
- 2 French manor house (7)
- 3 Crafty trick (4)
- 4 Swollen roots (6)
- 6 Passive, lifeless (5)
- 7 Travels by sea (7)
- 8 Small hawks (7)
- 13 Endless, hectic and pointless routine (3,4)
- 14 Weeping noisily (7)
- 16 Beseech (7)
- 17 Breakfast dish (6)
- 19 Slightly drunk (5)
- 21 Mythical maiden (5)
- 22 Frothy dirty layer on the surface of a liquid (4)

