



Across

- 1 Lyricist's fancy pens – the hedonism! (7,8)
- 9 Vogue for gangsters announced (5)
- 10 Start of entertainment during men-only gathering or opening for actor (5,4)
- 11 Inspector rounding tree turns briefly (2,1,4)
- 12 Kingdom to prevail, said state (7)
- 14 Connection found in tribe, oddly (3)
- 15 I will be spared from firing after core melts – thanks (11)
- 18 As copper and brass, lacking charisma? (3-8)

- 19 Commotion caused by a fleece (3)
- 20 Significant rise for toff following on horseback (7)
- 22 Estate additionally name Tom and Jerry, say (7)
- 23 Learning woodwork finally today with shelf (9)
- 25 Expect Taiwan to reform having dropped name (5)
- 26 Poet's well-to-do having a way with romance and delicate fabric (7,8)

Down

- 1 He'd cut Sri Lankan spin...? (6,9)
- 2 A German follows the Spanish with a strike in battle (2,7)

- 3 Incredible hero, me? Aargh! Blood loss! (11)
- 4 One boy turning to another interfered (5)
- 5 With limited funds move in shifting a ton (2,1,6)
- 6 Fair treatment for king ejected from box (3)
- 7 Regularly in terms of jail a means of communicating feelings (5)
- 8 French queen at one time – aren't I fantastic? (5,10)
- 13 Bring back transformed brake on vehicle – surprisingly neat (11)
- 16 Board game unfinished when

daughter comes in after study? Now it is (9)

- 17 Eat a Roman ice-cream when reflecting embracing girlfriend (9)
- 21 Rod mostly injected with oxygen not complaining (5)
- 22 Socialist constricted by firm set of beliefs (5)
- 24 Piece of grass...not fine grazing here, maybe (3)