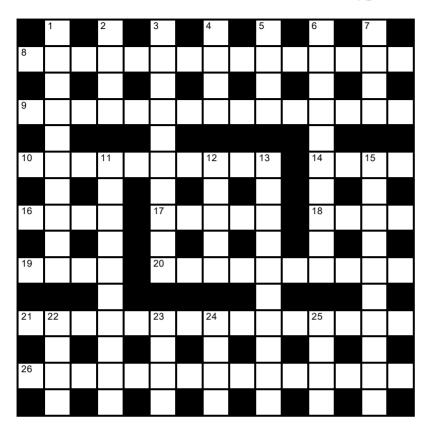
Madhatter Cryptic #17



Across

- **8.** Hurt eels, as I am doing thus?
- 9. Inconsistent way to deal with luggage

10. Possibly AAA or PG-13

14. Kills and chills

16. Killer said to be ice-cold

17. Allah upset? This is fine by him

18. Crackers, say, good with dash of salt

19. Sounds like I will land

20. Amateurs pray lesson's done

21. Diary initially has us all scrambling to see Spooner's dream child (turns out to be boring)

26. Acknowledges mistake and wears orthopedic shoes

Down

1. Liberal amazed by US acceptance of evil (primarily radicals)

2. Bushes shorn from above reveal something edgy

3. Artist with can-do attitude?

4. Portico past oath boxes

5. Queen entertained by Madhatter5? Insignificant

6. Agitation resulting from critique (as in essay)

7. But one monster

11. Judge and engineer captivated by beloved drink

12. I never like apricotstuffed yams as starters it's filling

13. Helen and Gordon squabble over Turkish islet

15. Caused nine-degree burn

22. Okay with planning

23. Puzzle has us in stitches at both ends

24. Element of what the setter audibly does at work

25. Enemy that's seen making U-turn?