



Across

- 1 Mexican's first song almost fashionable in this style? (8)
- 5/1D/25 God created Lucifer? They're the perfect couple. (1,5,4,2,6)
- 9 See 21 Down
- 10 Hotel seen in the right light, only more so (7)
- 11 Countryman, one with Arabian sent back? No thanks. (5)
- 12 She gets drunk with gin, men getting involved (9)
- 13 Appeals in reserve, lack of time for poetic offence (12)
- 17 Copycat killer finally arrested by men as Poirot ordered (12)

- 20 I'm surprised about tiling being shattered - by this? (9)
 - 22 Wind circles around (5)
 - 23 One not appreciating where cinders may be? (7)
 - 24/14 An electric fence at the deer farm - it's solely my responsibility (3,4,5,4)
 - 25 See 5
 - 26 Net fully unfurled in a graceful manner (8)
- Down**
- 1 See 5 Across
 - 2 Look again at second-hand tyre when temperature's dropped (6)

- 3 It makes things more bitter (i.e. acrid) if brewed (9)
- 4 20 perhaps hallucinating on expired pickled olives (4,9)
- 6 Mars - mankind's initial objective, NASA's third (5)
- 7 Small racket clipped net on return, creating strains (8)
- 8 I'm about to try, for example, filling leading male roles (4,4)
- 10 Fiery oriental dish devoured by office worker and other people (13)
- 14 See 24 Across

- 15 Chauvinistic one is taken in by improper joshing (8)
- 16 Written defence of a game - soldier has one (8)
- 18 Disappear, turning up in tent for cultured stuff? (6)
- 19 Illness crucial in being lucky (6)
- 21/9 Heroic woman, cheerless bird, some say (5,7)