



Across

- 1 Spooner's potentially hazardous gardening technique is amazing! (11)
- 9 One hesitates about going back to western state (7)
- 10 Three times thirty? (7)
- 11 Crazy reloading endlessly after using first of bullets from ammo belt (9)
- 12 Trip to a higher place precedes death? (5)
- 13 Job rotation in Denmark's a trial (4)
- 14 Deep-sounding owl flicked tail to head, quietly irritated. (3-7)

- 16 Two US states are restricted by licence to provide senior accommodation (6,4)
- 19 Crack picture game (4)
- 21 Slow movement of fabulous ship on lake (5)
- 22 Extremely poor behaviour of dishevelled tailors in Manhattan after vacation (6,3)
- 24 King Charles perhaps explains mix up having lost the vote (7)
- 25 Deprived children found in Orleans once Polish extremists displace the French (7)

- 26 Rub out complex term in a technical abstract (11)

Down

- 1 Magicians strove excitedly to create transport machine (6,9)
- 2 US agent ran climbing business (5)
- 3 Donkey without appeal could be on the menu? (7)
- 4 Sudden emergence of leaders from Oxford University tragically cut short (7)
- 5 Gross injustice in variable housing - I resign! (8)
- 6 Midas touch gained at the end of career? (6,9)
- 7 Inferior Bostonian old boy taken in by fool (3-3)
- 8 Banned, docked one hundred pounds, and discharged (6)
- 15 Pro UK American President loses heart visiting Scottish Island (8)
- 16 Goals smashed with hard boot covering (6)
- 17 Female Cockney's less arrogant - unlikely to be a keeper (7)
- 18 Theoretically, brother's head is in excellent condition (1,6)
- 20 Like wordplay with only one noun? That's fine (6)

23 Being the most
powerful, gallop
ahead regularly (5)