CROSSWORD
No. 15,476 Set by JULIUS

ACROSS
1 The quick way/express route? (5,6)
7 High Court strategy used by racketeer? (3)
9 Message Cuba to return island occupied by 7 down 8 (5)
10 Killing time before appointment with Kismet? (5,4)
11 Author took notice of Rooney in conversation (4,5)
12 Getting round, honours even at first (5)
13, 15 West End comedy left 1,100 barking “Murderer!” (7,4)
16 Band of Brothers extended quite a challenge (4,5)
17 Blair upset McCluskey, a collector’s item! (6)
18 He delivers cuts (except month end, late in the year) (6)
19 One transferring a southern Italian chap (8)
20 Lively movements saved Chopin from schizophrenic turmoil (7)
21 Something smuggled in for Spooner’s stir-crazed inmate? (3,3)
22 Slow-moving American soldier gets in trouble (6)
25 Veteran Boat Race participant lost a grand (5)

DOWN
1 Midweek, same cafe, turns up wearing this? (4,4)
2 Boarded vessel securely moored? (8)
3 This is robbery (5)
4 Revolting, vulgar piercing? It upset Yankee jeweller (7)

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