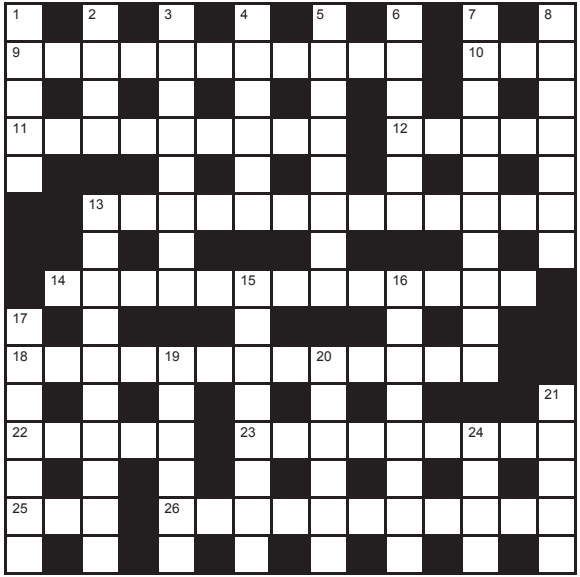
# CROSSWORD

## No. 14,894 Set by IO



**JOTTER PAD**

**ACROSS**

**9** Blair stands by top policeman's deception (11)
**10** Joke about the summit of Everest (3)
**11** This is a sham grid with block misplaced (4,5)
**12** Trucks back, this behind head in April Fool (3,2)
**13** Sucker slips on road very awkwardly over surface of ice (7,6)
**14** No good way to write SOS? (13)
**18** Doctoring cocktail? Japer's up to it! (9,4)
**22** Australia's top batsman is something invigorating (5)
**23** Big pro's retrospective means to deceive (9)
**25** One looking sheepish in the middle of the week (3)
**26** Mum's turning to catch foolish trickery (11)

**DOWN**

**1** Victory token number 5 for Julius Caesar (1-4)
**2** A little shop, a little gem (4)
**3** Theirs may be set up by this here note cracking George's arty partner up (8)
**4** "For Auditors" – that's the point of them (6)
**5** Rule fair in Dahomey that was disciplined (6-2)
**6** Entertaining girl in garage is harrowing! (6)
**7** Dressmaker, prior to the end of the day, is taken in by newspaper headline (10)
**8** The order of the day on draught (7)
**13** To maximise one's strengths, take the role of Touchstone? (4,1,5)
**15** Spooner's pronounced Scot's few as Highland leaseholders (8)
**16** His "Me too!" may be duplicitous (8)
**17** Was hoaxer (nameless) artificially fostered? (7)
**19** Three times, the same group's catching this fly (6)
**20** Strain on stage stretches lieutenant's rope (6)
**21** Young woman one leads astray (5)
**24** With vigour, attack fool (4)

**Solution 14,893**