ACROSS

- 8 Piece of humour in his kitchen (4)
- **9** Unknown Sunday too unstable? No kidding! (3,4,3)
- 10 Not yet constructed, wretched man due (6)
- 11 Bird looking intently round end of wall (8)
- 12 Country with virtually swell song (8)
- 14 Dear model left in snug (6)
- **15** Relative by marriage stop her going out with Bert (11)
- **19** Wild praise for old country (6)
- 21 Trouble when lunettes vandalised (8)
- 22 Absolutely certain Poe took in unexpected visit (8)
- 24 Italian city to be quiet for comic Mr Ranganathan (6)
- 25 They manipulate broken toes with mixture of potash (10)
- 26 Row produces sign of sadness, it's said (4)

DOWN

- 1 Excessive amount of drink wicked king consumed (7)
- 2 Listen to narrow channel without a bend (8)
- 3 Instrument with a deceptive sound (4)
- 4 Aristotle unsure about dangerous activity (7,8)
- 5 Artist has yen to enter part of India (4)
- 6 Small leanings towards circus props (6)
- 7 Isn't commonly into cunning, as very good (7)
- **13** Charity starts rehoming strays, paying careful attention (inits) (5)
- **14** Quotes positions, we hear (5)
- **16** Set a time, surprisingly, to make an assessment (8)

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- **17** Acts of bravery making him sore (7)
- 18 Tumblers' spectacles (7)
- 20 Fasten peg inside instrument (6)
- 23 How 007 describes his career in observation game (1-3)
- 24 File snake under 'R' (4)