

October 2017 Slot 3 by Crowsman

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Across

- 7** Spooner's passionate girlfriend gets oriental foodstuff (4,4)
- 8** A current flowed backwards from fantasy land (6)
- 10** Spooner's rosy promotions for rubber-stamping aids (7)
- 11** Clue is forming an association, but left in centre! (7)
- 12** If expression of annoyance is overturned, silence reef-dwellers! (8)
- 14** Flower expertise neglected my borders (5)
- 16** Spooner's making loud hurting sounds, like cats and dogs (7,4,4)
- 18** Earth pigment from Antioch region (5)
- 19** Records Spooner's lavatory views (8)
- 22** Spooner's order to start cultivating talent (4-3)
- 23** Spooner's Cardinal is distant from rock mineral (7)
- 25** Violinist's ultimate inclination for Ravel? (6)
- 26** Spooner's bonus shot for tropical plant (4,4)

Down

- 1 , 20** Spooner's pastries shortage leads to false claims (4,2,4)
- 2** Eurocentric outsiders retreat from patisserie item (6)
- 3** Spooner's AFL team is embarrassed by major setbacks (8,5)
- 4** Spooner's need to have a party gets forceful response (8)
- 5** Spooner's light meal while hiking makes slimy path (5,5)
- 6** Spooner's way to rattle serviceman spread (9)
- 7** Security scoop! (4)
- 9** Spooner's battling a perpetrator of 1,20, generating heat (8,1,4)
- 13** Spooner's places in the Netherlands produce successful plays (10)
- 15** Toothed wheels pair occupying power points (9)
- 17** Drug put on flesh wound around mass in Antarctica (3,5)
- 20** See 1
- 21** Bird, just released, turned around right (4)
- 24** Look both ways (4)