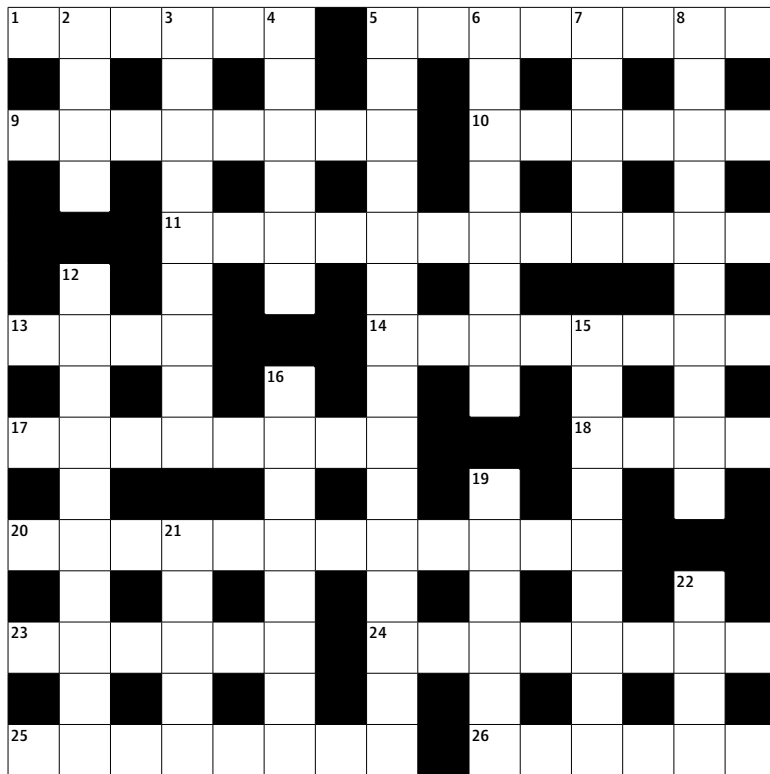


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,273 set by Puck



Across

- 1 One of two books US male adapted (6)
- 5 Polite and restrained doctor: our odd epithet suggests Dr Crippen, principally (8)
- 9 Drink with doctor about to show some a cheeky side? (4-4)
- 10 Outdoes frequent fake news tweeter? Success at last! (6)
- 11 Golly! So stern, after beating a politician like Trump? (12)
- 13 Content to catch a real murderer? You'll need to run fast! (4)
- 14 Short small red salad ingredient dipped in pea soup? Heaven! (8)
- 17 Nothing to get by describing beginner on stringed instrument (8)
- 18 Function held in premises in Epsom (4)
- 20 Trump finally replaced by Biden, at first perhaps he talks tripe? (12)
- 23 Sign garage needs vacating by small car (6)
- 24 Fertilisers Charlie values (8)
- 25 Could be bent double agent? Not the chap Blofeld shot (8)
- 26 Convenience store primarily secures money with one cash handling company (6)

Down

- 2 Jelly made from seaweed or a fish (4)
- 3 Opens zip in front of underwear (10 wearing new smalls) (9)
- 4 Watch as diver is stopped by knockout (4,2)
- 5 Fellow can sleep around with lead actor (6,9)
- 6 Queen maybe taking online bloody class! (8)
- 7 First stripper's top having been shed excites debauched old men? (5)
- 8 Aunt's plane's taken off for Nice? On the contrary (10)
- 12 A sticker getting top to bottom covered by 'Must see you later in Spain' (5,5)
- 15 Outlaw carrying weapon, not a dead duck (9)
- 16 Warning one doctor that's accepted back in National Front supporter? (8)
- 19 Suspect plot is one created by Shakespeare (6)
- 21 For group of criminals, regular choice of store is Aldi (5)
- 22 Fairy Queen penned by Greek character (4)

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