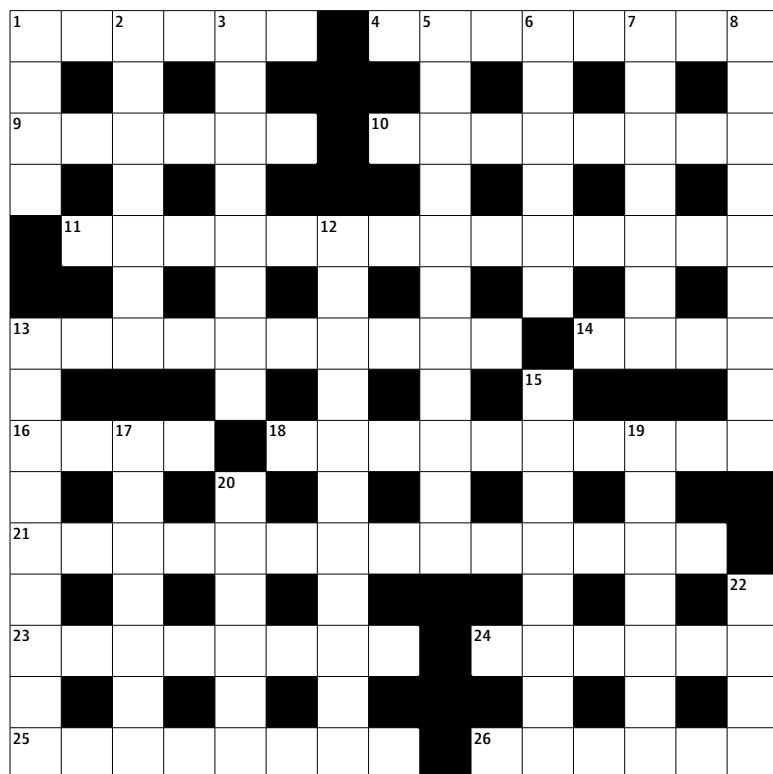


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,131 set by Paul



Across

- 1 Brute has wiped mouth on floor (6)
- 4 Cut top off crown, not probing cavity from the back (4,4)
- 9 Pith in decay, sign - it's this? (6)
- 10 Food's black I see, scraped back in house (8)
- 11 Dentist's chair, where gas supplied in the US (7,7)
- 13 Show girl disheartened, bandaged by loose sheet - what would nitrous oxide have given her? (3,7)
- 14 Send erotic message with kiss where flossing teeth? (4)
- 16 Pivot end of utensil into chopper (4)
- 18 Contemporary guided by dental implant? (10)
- 21 Where dentist looks miserable (4,2,3,5)
- 23 Canine eats and eats (4-4)
- 24 Nippy dental ability? (6)
- 25 Something worn, in under three seconds chewed up (8)
- 26 Anaesthetic around root of canine - and incisor? (6)

Down

- 1 Hair clip (4)
- 2 Not everyone's cup of tea in pot? (7)
- 3 Love French poet briefly covered (8)

- 5 Cash for moving Whistler held up by wonky fastener (8,3)
- 6 Nothing about swap, initially, question exchange (6)
- 7 Debauchee gripping metal drill (7)
- 8 In having wrong date below space towards the top, numbered for reference (9)
- 12 Artless goon zonked, extraction causing little discomfort then? (2,5,4)
- 13 Mushy crud bottled by baby feeders, little things activated when emotional? (4,5)
- 15 One carrying on is supporter of working rights (8)
- 17 Very bad, the score (3-4)
- 19 Baltic, welcome this when shivering (7)
- 20 Nipper, a little chap in cerise (6)
- 22 Substance taking dental impression, pattern scaled up (4)

Solution No. 30,130

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