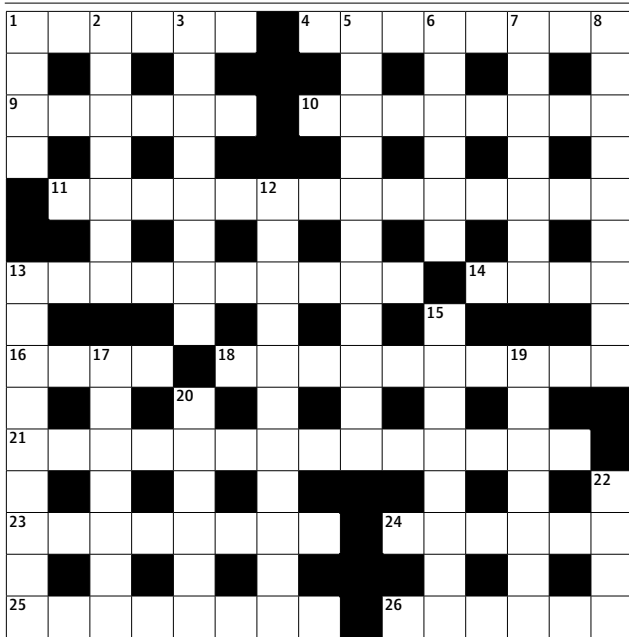


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,324 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 A lack of items spotted on black undergarment (6)
- 4 Crowns duck – served like ice creams? (8)
- 9 Feller with rhythm, as Napier might say? (6)
- 10 Confront one put out within government department once (4,2,2)
- 11 Deplorable release for a catalogue of felonies (8,6)
- 13 Setter's comment about month keeping rain off ground – as tarpaulin, say (10)
- 14 See 22
- 16 South American city, some capital I'm assuming (4)
- 18 Opportunity to give ground endorsed, always (3,4,3)
- 21 Is the fire of Achilles so close behind? (3,2,4,5)
- 23 Union leader, ridiculously fair and bold (8)
- 24 Speechless carrying in dwarf (6)
- 25 Arrange time for a lot of prancing about? (8)
- 26 Finally, dry skins flipping close to dropping off (6)

## Down

- 1 Male charging fifty points for this? (4)
- 2 Gentle pace wrong, heavenly being lifted (7)

- 3 Its product's white paper, treatise ultimately to shout about (8)
- 5 Consult with loan to be negotiated, every point considered (2,3,6)
- 6 American dish's little 'ouse? (6)
- 7 Go off with retired policeman at conclusion of case (7)
- 8 Fencing – 's my sport? (9)
- 12 Eternal right taken up, a sensitive thing (5,6)
- 13 Dog deprived on hind legs discovered round rear of bitch (9)
- 15 See a clip supposed to be great (8)
- 17 Wind 'neath me? (7)
- 19 Managed to go up river to remove insects (7)
- 20 Popular type up for starters? (6)
- 22,14 Without a hitch? I suppose so (4,4)

## Solution No. 25,323

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