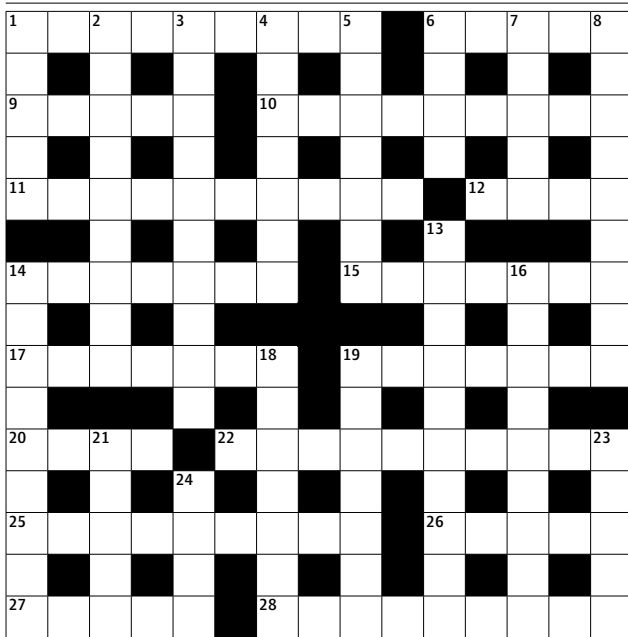


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,051 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Though analogue isn't a poisoner __? (9)
 6 Question surgery – and cry (5)
 9 See 12
 10 See 17
 11 Pretence created to trap dinosaur, half taken aback (10)
 12,9 Cast adrift are legal dealings (4,5)
 14 Gather work is put to use again (7)
 15 Ray – setter needing support (7)
 17,10 In Iraq, a nut not requiring ten rounds, shooting American? (7,9)
 19 Hole that's round when poking food (7)
 20 Century featuring in the unlikely score (4)
 22 Message after message, chat's chat? (5,5)
 25 Conventional theory or empty theory about carrier shouldered by strong worker (9)
 26 Old-fashioned saw (5)
 27 Temperature requiring delicate adjustment (5)
 28 Evidence of grief about current boyfriend's first bedtime companion (5,4)

Down

- 1 Food processor a cut above, that's a fact (5)
 2 In middle of Aegean, girl overcoming fighting vessels etc? (9)
 3 Animal and friends that are felt up, among those friendly creatures? (3,7)

- 4 Service – something dreaded about it (7)
 5 On board ship, tourist's opening travel bags (7)
 6,24 House virtually collapsing, knackered roofs, one lifted in the breeze (8)
 7 Board's Franco-German affirmations? (5)
 8 Schedule for a little mass (9)
 13 One of 364 celebrated in Hardy, but after editing (10)
 14 French product – nonsense to conceal, as they say, what for (9)
 16 Focus of ground-breaking classic course, abridged (9)
 18 Poet Henry's contemporary having to flee (7)
 19 Polyphemus was so like Porphyryon, Agrius or Tityus, they say? (3-4)
 21 Percentage – that is a lovely thing (5)
 23 Mary possibly died in defeat after uprising (5)
 24 See 6

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