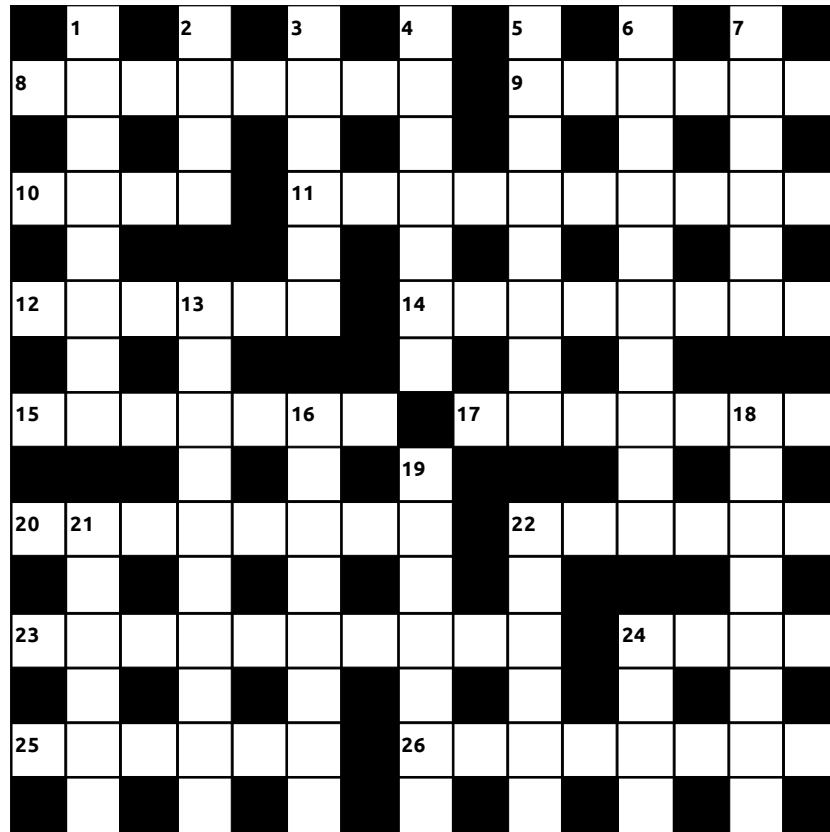


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Cryptic crossword #3

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ACROSS

- 8 Get to grips with Ctrl+S first to avoid embarrassment (4,4)
- 9 Benefit of expert correspondence (6)
- 10 Loud, contrary delinquent to fight (4)
- 11 Oddly forbid game and a kite, perhaps (4,2,4)
- 12 Clandestine operation on innards of pancreas? (6)
- 14 Playful parody hits antagonised (8)
- 15 Nice we inspire, the Reverend says of himself? (7)
- 17 *cut hand (informally)* included by Concise Oxford English Dictionary? (7)
- 20 Televising stout characters become deceptively flatter (8)
- 22 Harry loves Sarah; but upon reflection, not entirely (6)
- 23 Seth, getting love, thanks to sex appeal, came back broker? (10)
- 24 Stuttering start to 24hr military operation (1-3)
- 25 Perfect recipe to transfix (6)
- 26 Comes before 19-down, ordered by heading sequence? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Study fellow rose to receive ultimate award and celebrity mention? (4-4)
- 2 Poindexter points the way (4)
- 3 Play with King beset by depression (6)
- 4 Degenerate Gainsbourg raised among extreme revolutionaries (7)
- 5 Saw a creator of *Spectrum* featuring house (8)
- 6 Presenter abruptly interrupted by Puente's opposition (10)
- 7 Alarm bells as gentleman of polar extremes takes drug (6)
- 13 Frank rolls the dice here? (5,5)
- 16 Get grime tidied up with kitchen aid (3,5)
- 18 Needs recovery while grasping, climbing - managed to get caught (8)
- 19 Flushed, getting strap and liable to be tied up in this? (3,4)
- 21 Display of heartless conceit suggests concerning intellect (6)
- 22 The lady's difficulty cut short heavenly liaison (6)
- 24 Uninspiring write-up of Shakespeare (4)