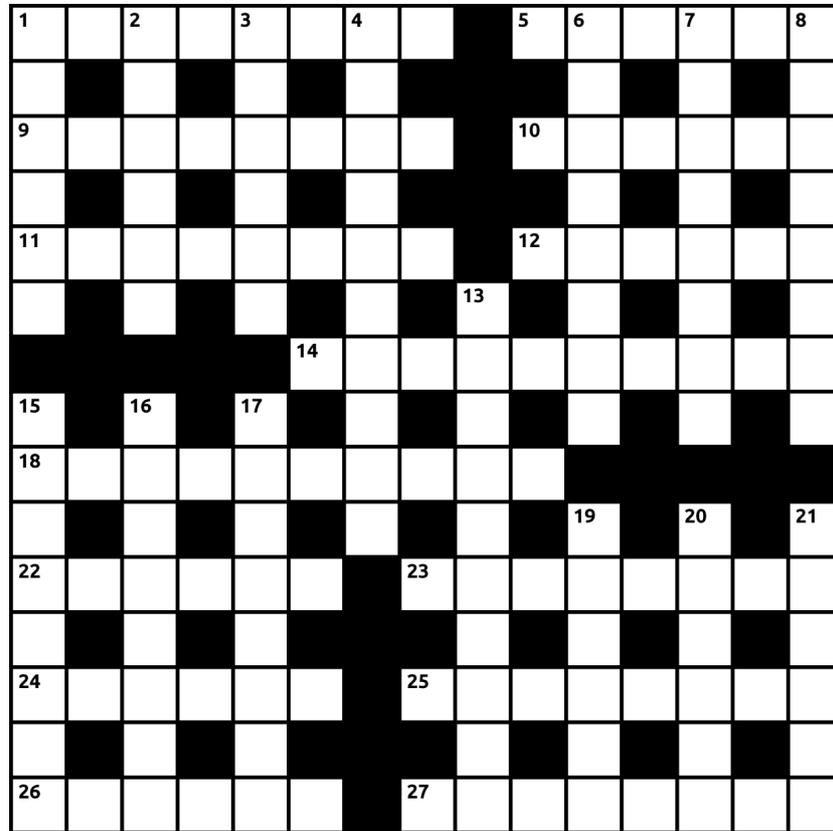


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Cryptic crossword #14

Set by: Crock



ACROSS

- 1 Clear the Amazon, quick to secure good spots for mining (8)
- 5 Artist might end up with this after night on the tiles! (6)
- 9 Trained my gun on a buck (5,3)
- 10 Studio effect always used in R&B (6)
- 11 He paddles craft to a scenic dock (8)
- 12 Make way for Prince Albert! (6)
- 14 BBC murder mystery: *Without a Trace?* (10)
- 18 This season, dancefloors... (10)
- 22 ...are playing records - too much of it can be deafening! (6)
- 23 Asylum in Syria's borders, one hides Turkish headgear (4,4)
- 24 A family member made definitive argument (6)
- 25 Flying zone up Spooner's sleeve? (8)
- 26 Considering less bacon (6)
- 27 Pump staple guns, all ready, having trimmed edges and head of newspaper (8)

DOWN

- 1 Oddly dirty kitchen burner (3,3)
- 2 Contracted virus - ears, nose and throat flowing freely (6)
- 3 Look back wistfully at redhead bird (6)
- 4 Ocean-lover rejects opening of irrigation sewer (10)
- 6 Collected order invoice for swimsuit (3-5)
- 7 Peer in here, gear up and go bonkers? (3,5)
- 8 Flimsy bread to deteriorate in waxy wrapper (8)
- 13 Tearing through net quota (10)
- 15 She mourns after burying her husbands, say? (8)
- 16 When one's missing skirt: "Arse out!" (8)
- 17 Like IV inserted into vein surgically! (8)
- 19 Legendary swimmer freestyling with finesse, without cap (6)
- 20 He looks after cattle, but he changes to a chicken (6)
- 21 Have a voice, expressing the right to take one's top off (6)