ACROSS
1 This male uses a liquid on your back (7)
5 Excellent clue to start of puzzle (6)
8 Dissolve a granule with iodine for this? (9)
9 Bloody Chambers! It’s an endless nuisance (5)
11 Lie on wool for one (5)
12 Attractive woman hires a daily nurse (4,5)
13 They walk out forwards typically (8)
15 Coach said to welcome volunteers in grounds (6)
17 Buried weapons here in sweater? (6)
19 Big hack chops joint that’s raw (8)
22 Expecting chic lech to misbehave in bath? (2,3,4)
23 Solicitor neglects wife in bed (5)
24 Bottle last of gin the day before hosting royal (5)
25 Putin came out, all puffed up (9)
26 What worms do with their cast (6)
27 Yankee Republican faces guards, keepers of crown jewels (1-6)

DOWN
1 A sign famine ran riot at Waterloo, say? (13)
2 Sleep soundly at first like logs (7)
3 Deliver a sermon, some of it cut (5)
4 Force members to become frequent customers (8)
5 Milk supplier, crossing river, leaves container (6)
6 Pretended place amateur sailed lacks harbour (4-5)
7 Field measure long ago appeared in dictionary (4-5)
10 Cardigans are knitted by son – snobs put them on (4,3,6)
14 Cook tinkers, installing iron piece in carvery (5,4)
16 B. Bryson works about English snootiness (8)
18 More red or less green? (7)
20 He leaves 31 swimming to do what sharks do (3,2,2)
21 Go by circuits connecting tablets (6)
23 Primate violates rule about Mass (5)

Solution 15,503