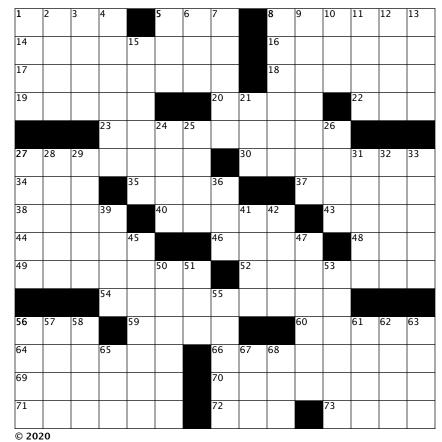
Decomposition

ACROSS

- 1. Ventilates
- 5. Air rifle ammo
- 8. American tennis tournament whose name refers to the fact that it's not "closed" to amateurs or professionals
- 14. Sobers up
- 16. Grammatical unit
- 17. Iron?
- **18.** Cease to hold back, as breath?
- **19.** Dried-brick building material
- 20. "So a horse walks into ____, and..." (joke introduction)
- 22. Reel holder
- 23. Not prudent
- 27. Like a former major league sports arena?
- **30.** Cease to exclude the (British?) public?
- 34. Genetic messenger
- **35.** Handling the problem
- **37.** Fauna counterpart
- 38. Female name the first two letters of which are a common male nickname
- **40.** Remove female underwear?
- 43. Dirty stuff
- 44. Tax-cheat's fear
- **46.** Liquid samples
- **48.** US number–issuing org.
- **49.** Remove male underwear?
- 52. Darken?
- **54.** Came through the door, redundantly
- **56.** Computer key for emergencies
- **59.** ___ butter (fat used in skin treatments)
- 60. Italian Paul
- **64.** Dust?

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- **66.** Like this and eight other answers in this puzzle?
- **69.** Indifferent to right and wrong
- **70.** Hematite source
- **71.** Juveniles
- **72.** Rowboat need
- 73. Norms, abbr.

DOWN

- 1. "___ pinch of nutmeg" (recipe direction)
- 2. Angry
- 3. Puerto __
- 4. Croatia rival
- **5.** Feathery neckwear
- **6.** Train or plane alternative
- 7. Wrongfully possess oneself of
- 8. Replace the obsolete with the current
- **9.** Lawman wearing a badge in a Western
- **10.** Planet or eye

- **11.** Late-night pioneer lack
- 12. "Salus populi suprema lex __" (Missouri motto)
- **13.** Require
- **15.** Appear that way
- **21.** Auction action
- 24. Await resolution
- **25.** Garfield's fellow pet
- **26.** Cartoon frames
- **27.** Fear greatly
- 28. Word which means (and if you change two letters is)
 "endow"
- 29. Provider of something to sleep on at night, something to eat in the morning, briefly
- **31.** Guarantee of the absence of a certain flavor enhancer
- **32.** Flatten
- **33.** Bother persistently
- **36.** There are two in an oz.

- **39.** Suffix for million or billion
- **41.** Use as a conveyance
- **42.** Imitated mockingly or mindlessly
- **45.** Badge worn by a lawman in a western
- **47.** Like a shoe that requires no lace or buckle
- **50.** Merman and Barrymore
- **51.** Monetary charge
- 53. "Babe ___" (very young child)
- **55.** Source of broadcast sound
- **56.** Red-coated cheese
- **57.** Big truck
- **58.** "Let's go!"
- **61.** Leave out
- **62.** Give to temporarily
- **63.** Poems of praise
- **65.** Gold; Sp.
- **67.** Period
- 68. In behalf of