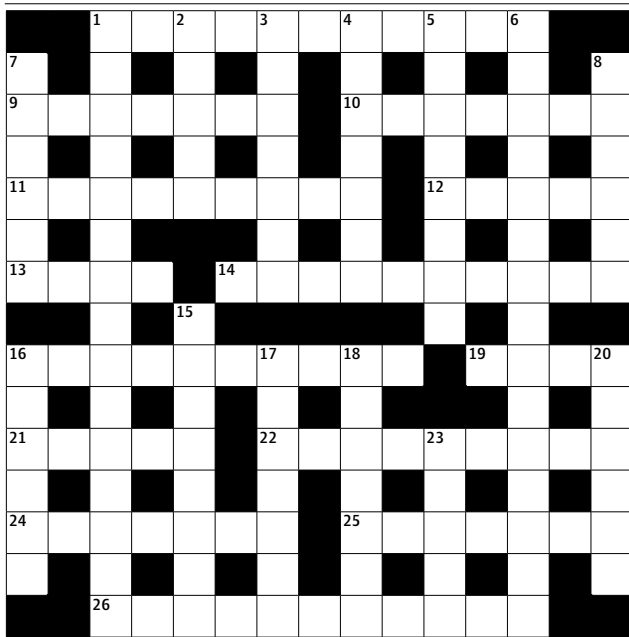


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,988 set by Rover

## Across

- 1 Direct broadcast from the prairie (5-6)
- 9 Pub maul ruined the food (7)
- 10 Cruel followers of a so-called marquis (7)
- 11 Being dizzy sixteen, extremely cute (9)
- 12 Spacious accommodation for popular general (5)
- 13 Plenty of places to shoot (4)
- 14 Retailers in the rag trade (10)
- 16 Where directors get on together? (10)
- 19 Mark left when cars crash (4)
- 21 Flying machine made from canes (5)
- 22 Puzzles devised by Cisco star (9)
- 24 Force in wretchedly poor condition (7)
- 25 Little Benjamin collects cut ferns (7)
- 26 Familiar object of contemplation (5,6)

## Down

- 1 Services showing general delight (6,9)
- 2 Give everything to 20 (5)
- 3 The proposed development of one mine (7)

- 4 People who send bills (7)
- 5 Do children use it to deceive? (8)
- 6 A quarter of the year gone yellow with age (2,6,7)
- 7 Please, please! (6)
- 8 They tremble like swans (6)
- 15 Aim for perfection, otherwise I mislead (8)
- 16 Power pack up one's sleeve (6)
- 17 The Speaker's art in place of prayer (7)
- 18 A hermit has no time for showy feathers (7)
- 20 A rebel's get-up? (6)
- 23 Clever kind of card played by Alec? (5)

Winners of prize puzzle 24,981

