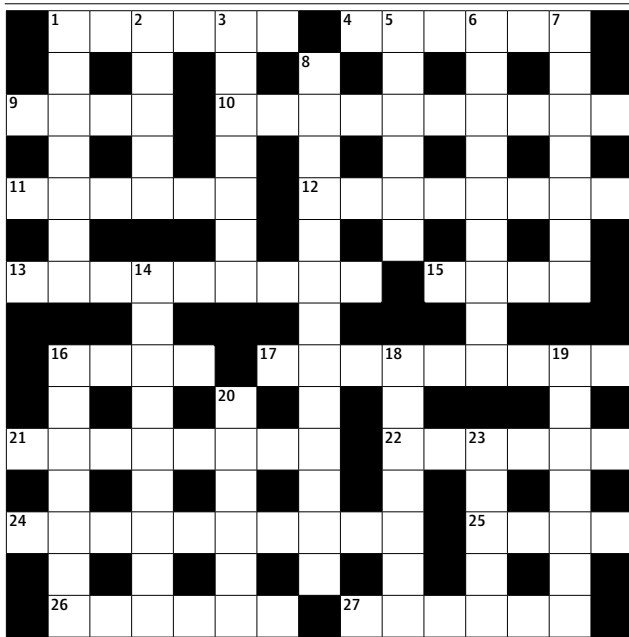


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,000 set by Enigmatist

23 is the 25 of 21 6 26 9 12

Across

- 1 Old-fashioned sort of 16 across, feature of 10 or 6 (6)
- 4 Some of the 1 acrosses here, we may be repeatedly spotted in the frame (6)
- 9 Extent of following the 6 22 has? (4)
- 10 4 and 11 decorate this Nazi pig during recording (10)
- 11 Some of the 1 acrosses here, we'll get involved with this club in 8 (6)
- 12 Large number you observed on the beach (8)
- 13 Sweep aside Rugby playwright in cove (5,4)
- 15,16 There's one D in "wood" wrap (4,4)
- 17 Enigmatist is heartless bod interrupting circus entertainer – needs to get humbler (5,4)
- 21 Caring individual's knocking back an A1 draught – well, not all of it (8)
- 22 Dog – Araucaria's our top one! (6)
- 24 Find business confusion without a credit circle (4,6)
- 25 Step out with girl in palm ... (4)
- 26 ... and score with double-cross! (6)
- 27 Plymouth pattern? (6)

Down

- 1 Supple little sister runs round slide (7)

- 2 Burning to terminate abysmal tenure early (5)
- 3 Carriage Astley, Stein, Wakeman etc only half have (7)
- 5 Presumably cooler learning experience (6)
- 6 Darn this thing! (9)
- 7 Odd boss for the Chief Inspector (7)
- 8 Where to see what's on – and do? (7,6)
- 14 Wind caused by Spooner's French cheese grab (3,6)
- 16 Beat an enforced retreat? (4,3)
- 18 Poor applicant, maybe, doesn't work, traversing sea to France (7)
- 19 Somehow restless, having dispute (7)
- 20 Tiger, maybe, turns Joe cold in club (3,3)
- 23 Now doll, perhaps, collars US lawyer (5)

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