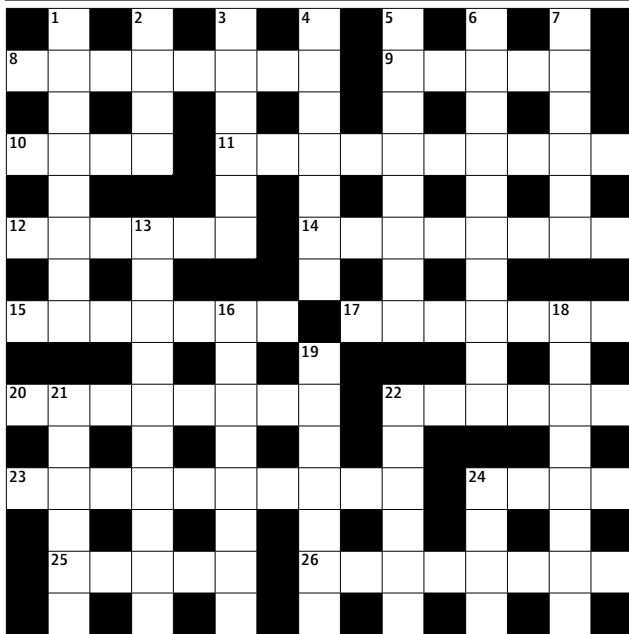


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8** Monarch remains on edge in retreat, one coming from a region in Asia (8)
- 9** Cat for far less than a pound (5)
- 10,4,19** Titanic sense of foreboding? (4,7,7)
- 11** A thousand, number entering strike, suffer the consequences (4,3,3)
- 12** Marley primarily in Dickens returning, that is, as dead man walking (6)
- 14** Change number on back, 12 (8)
- 15** Individual put in better hospital, proving success (7)
- 17** Time to release that tension? (7)
- 20** Sozzled rector in possession of Chelsea pensioner, say? (8)
- 22** Lavishly entertaining film interrupting casually announced item? (6)
- 23** Quaint poem containing line with water on grass or lake (4,6)
- 24** Bullet repelled by pellets? (4)
- 25** Moon about eating second course (5)
- 26** Blinks, since revolting scoffing rubbish (8)

Down

- 1,5** What's humour to you is disgusting, so please do this! (4,4,5,3)
- 2** Bird's conversation (4)
- 3,24** Tricky small title? (6,4)
- 4** See 10
- 5** See 1
- 6** How clergyman's dressed, as a contribution (10)
- 7** See 18
- 13** Depressed, getting bad luck when hard, which stinks (4,6)
- 16,22** Normandy cypher, why not f*** off? (6,2,6)
- 18,7** Party (16 22) feeding problem and what's driving business? (8,6)
- 19** See 10
- 21** In this works outstanding charity (6)
- 22** See 16
- 24** See 3

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