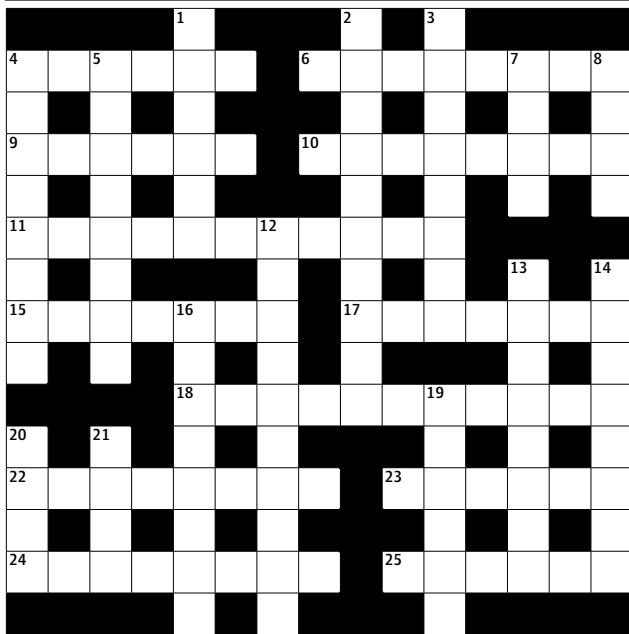


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,091 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 4** Get weapon back first with gold piece (6)  
**6** Barbarian with hair-piece chasing girl (8)  
**9,20** So (in response) ... first of words frequently found between covers (4,2,4)  
**10** Heartless church article on church in suspension (8)  
**11** Junction in Crete dismantled without an oath (11)  
**15,14,16** Loud protest over soldiers, each with gifts, new or otherwise, posing the unanswerable question (3,4,2,1,5,2,6)  
**17** Painter, being poorly, put in months in Paris (7)  
**18** Tough about Circle Line appearing in films that back learning (11)  
**22** Borough's best man should (8)  
**23** See 21  
**24** Time taken by a fast pressman with great ability (8)  
**25** Born scoundrel to talk of footwear (6)

## Down

- 1** Curtailment of overdue preparation to eat (6)  
**2** Veto on setter's entry into parliament left

ass, maybe, but not Balaam's (4,6)

- 3** Wish on departure for movement of sea to swamp Scots river (4,4)  
**4** Glen with fragments often shed by discovery (3,5)  
**5** Admit and confess on 8 (8)  
**7** Bird of wilderness and loughs (4)  
**8** River round which to dance when consent's arising (4)  
**12** Arbitrary and inconsiderate way to celebrate scoring a goal? (4-6)  
**13** You start with a warning, if I were you, to be a sport (8)  
**14** See 15  
**16** See 15  
**19** Make new arrangements about class (6)  
**20** See 9  
**21,23** Where to play cricket when not skating in the White House (4,6)

Solution No. 25,090

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