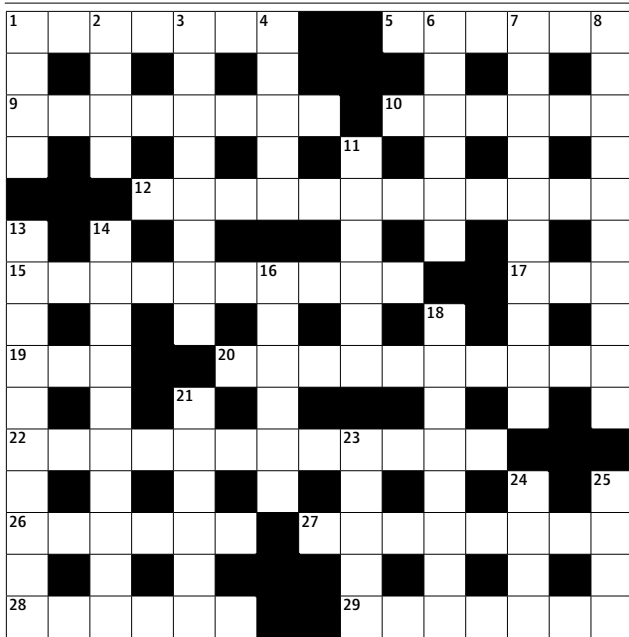


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,092 set by Quantum

## Across

- 1 Small volume about Scottish girl (not English), a standard work (7)
- 5 Spasmodic? Well, not totally occupied (6)
- 9 Punter, we hear, at this card game (8)
- 10 A sharp bend, of course (3-3)
- 12 Trashed combo upset, wounded (4,2,6)
- 15 Make call in a French railway, not making a mistake (10)
- 17 Look where to find a cathedral (3)
- 19 Associated pair in the clouds making a comeback (3)
- 20 Something mislaid? Look here! (10)
- 22 For news of a pillar of the establishment? (6,6)
- 26 This plant is hard, brittle (6)
- 27 Most of the piece about new island is to develop slowly (8)
- 28 Unknown quantity as missile plant (6)
- 29 Unenviable position of those with a time in conflict? (3,4)

## Down

- 1 It's six-sided, or eight (4)
- 2 Demo loses leader and chief (4)
- 3 Shore base, possibly with winding road (8)
- 4 Thick ground cover, good going for cricket, initially? (5)

- 6 One stupid person at party turned up as a crustacean (6)
- 7 Young horse, say, with horse-breaker to produce delaying action (10)
- 8 Portable recording device used by a photographer (5,5)
- 11 Tentative proposal of charge on line about to arise (6)
- 13 Musical instrument whose parts only differ at the top (5-5)
- 14 I (scorer) end with wrong result, to may need to do this (10)
- 16 A perfect beginner? (6)
- 18 I could have been in rough water but I'm still all in one piece (8)
- 21 Provided uplifts at the time of company's collapse (6)
- 23 Start off without a meal (5)
- 24 Opening that could be barred (4)
- 25 Officer supports exercises at a rapid pace (4)

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