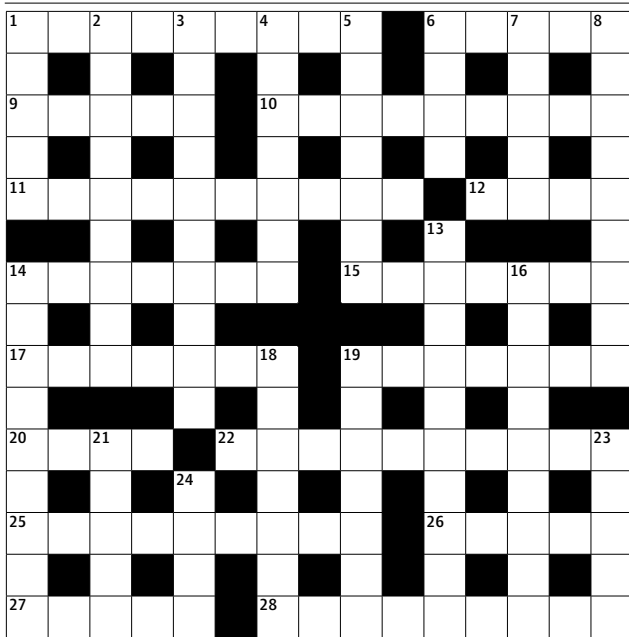


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,147 set by Araucaria

A puzzle for today

Across

- 1** Choose industrial chemists' solution: we deal with ... (9)
6 ... one of 11's problems, which could be jolly (5)
9 Have a meal, eating some muffins, and digest (3,2)
10 Return of Turner's last painting in which a flag is unfurled today ... (9)
11 ... saw the last of Londoners with a stammer requesting ... (4,6)
12 ... lip service from 27 (4)
14 Copy of setter's first pictures (7)
15 11's hard part of speech (7)
17 Celebration of romance produced most willingly (7)
19,19down Motherland is pregnant, according to 11's signal (7,7)
20 11's favourite novel? (4)
22 Likely divorcee's grudge holding water (10)
25 Romance is return of Morse (say) chasing tail-less monkey (6,3)
26 Turn of phrase that shows who I am when I'm backed (5)
27 Tough novelist (5)
28 Song of repetitious date (9)

Down

- 1** Dipper in river and lake (5)

- 2** Fighter at 10 from three rivers (9)
3 11's battle horse in battle ten years after 10 (10)
4 Bestial characters make a bloomer (7)
5 Partially enclosed salt water animal at Scottish well? (3,4)
6 Buddies turn up for punishment (4)
7 Musical engagement with first line a former tenor (5)
8 3 should drop Europe on the verge (9)
13 Craft work of giant encased in salt (10)
14 Hi! All h*** let loose – it's diathesis (3,6)
16 Swap coil for deflected air stream (5,4)
18 Forerunner of 28 used differently in river (7)
19 See 19 across
21 Unimportant part of indicator at motorway junction (5)
23 Private gun? (5)
24 Money to be paid after 19s (4)

Solution No. 25,146

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