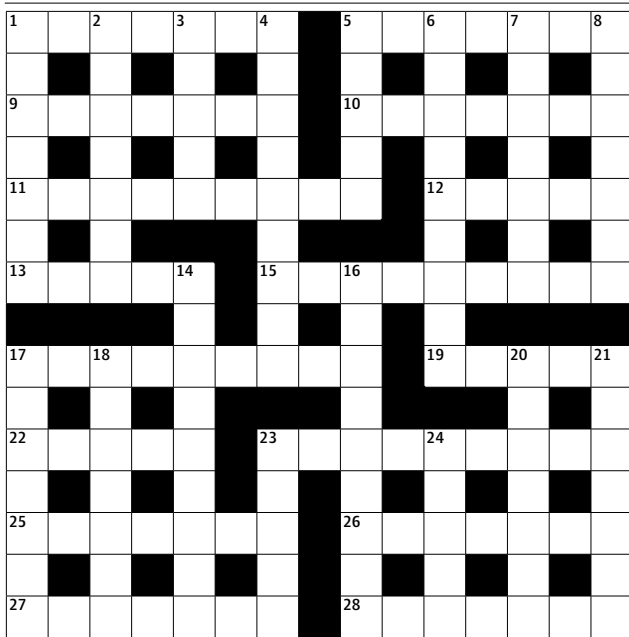


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,148 set by Chifonie

Across

- 1 Formerly stout model (7)
- 5 Admires original weapon (7)
- 9 Skate back into dock for rope (7)
- 10 Foreign 21 proceeds right (7)
- 11 Servant admits crime in official residence (9)
- 12 Proofreader's mark shows concern with the letter "t" (5)
- 13 Quits competitions, being short of time (5)
- 15 This month every edition is placed (9)
- 17 Cooked the garlic in a sleepy state (9)
- 19 Grates fruit (5)
- 22 Feeble echo is yours (5)
- 23 Ditch worker for biting (9)
- 25 Reiterate nonsense solicitor put about (4,3)
- 26 Endorse a letter of introduction (7)
- 27 Amazingly, few stir more rapidly (7)
- 28 First of injections in bottom? Not one thing or the other! (7)

Down

- 1 Oriental cuts earl in decline (7)
- 2 Trainee prepared course (7)

- 3 Scot enters river quietly (5)
- 4 Delightful finale holds attention (9)
- 5 Impale small fish (5)
- 6 Dress caught on bristle in seating (4,5)
- 7 Endlessly respect a novice in the navy (7)
- 8 Doctor admits English ceremonial is appropriate (7)
- 14 Patsy and son head assault (9)
- 16 Discharge soldier in division (9)
- 17 Is dishonest after consuming drink? That's an understatement! (7)
- 18 Blunder, spilling oil by North African coast (7)
- 20 Grovelling son's effusive (7)
- 21 Gundog bites hand of pioneer (7)
- 23 In Timbuktu, torturer is master (5)
- 24 Hot stuff in the country, reportedly (5)

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