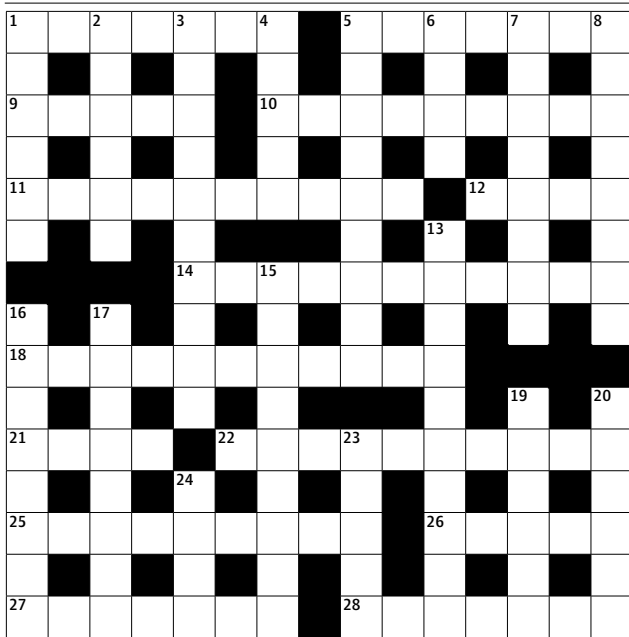


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,158 set by Brummie

Across

- 1** Match put to second curtain holder (7)
5,8 He commonly 2 26 27: a formulaic account of this acceleration run-off (7,8)
9 Internet joke supply? (5)
10 After end of war, pressure in cooker fixed by a Tommy? (4,5)
11 Energy put into revamped Trivial Pursuit sadly ends in well-known 1 down (10)
12 See 21
14 Roger's information received via this system (3-3,5)
18 So off-the-back-of-a-lorry bargains not quite appropriate here? (3,4,4)
21,12 Pines burning? Little chance of that (4,4)
22 Main inhabitant's lidless coal store placed at angle (10)
25 Hitler activity: sacking any CO without a certain bra capacity (9)
26 Switched old body with Brummie presenter (5)
27 Checked and balanced (7)
28 star@earth.net finally reversed disease (7)

Down

- 1** Man taken in by politician's speculation (6)
2 "Peers" bats squeal (6)
3 Removal of member from a redcap university rubbish club not right (10)

- 4** Russian city pen with different top – very (5)
5 Casual inaction restricts a plant (9)
6 I say large is fine by me (4)
7 Energy positive: head off for viewers' protection (8)
8 See 5 across
13 Novel writer Verne dismissing western as "profane" (10)
15 Pistol faced with Big Bertha would be so overwhelmed? (9)
16 Ornamental edging as found on dinner plates? (8)
17 Good money gets cur drunk (superior drink?) (5,3)
19 Mineral water ultimately put in impure zinc when oxygenated (6)
20 Three for the hero of century taking ring from other heroes? (6)
23 Way after test date (5)
24 Spike's football side not Southend (4)

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