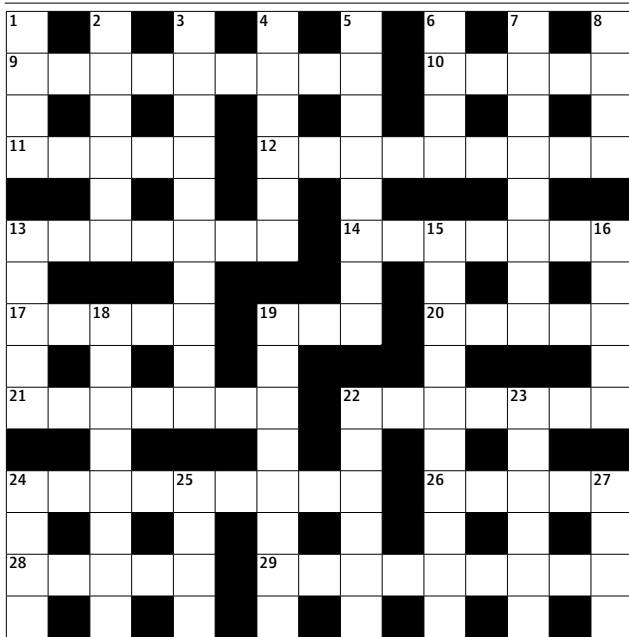


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,178 set by Puck

Across

- 9** Shortly to be found in pub, Essex girl with two others similarly named (9)
- 10** Moving slowly round after big end gone (5)
- 11** Setter separates three neighbours from 26 starting to quarrel (5)
- 12** Military command given on the go (5,4)
- 13** Find import of American food item reduced in store, 60% off (4,3)
- 14** Model ordered ravioli, forgetting love of trifles (7)
- 17** Girl that's ready to go? (5)
- 19,25** Provider of venison, eggs and bread in New York (7)
- 20** Connected on the phone, say, then had a fling? (5)
- 21** SOS – Paul's upset regarding marriage (7)
- 22** Those "in the club" married by end of month, before first sign of shotgun (7)
- 24** Fool busy barman with lie (9)
- 26** See 18
- 28** Hedgehog travelling ultra fast (5)
- 29** Ale's drunk before stew is cooked in the US, however (9)

Down

- 1,2** Shop said to have cooler stock (10)

- 3** River where people act as targets for local guided missiles? (10)
- 4,22** Go mad, getting sectioned (12)
- 5** Choke or accelerator? (8)
- 6** Character in bar, lowering the tone (4)
- 7** Complaint that is put before right Vegas employee? (8)
- 8** Book the smallest room (4)
- 13** Burns house – arson, essentially (5)
- 15** Hector, one new boy I see regularly? (10)
- 16** Top part of Western Isle, roughly (5)
- 18,26** Retailer flourishing with dodgy deals (13)
- 19** Trustworthy or slippery eel, Blair? (8)
- 22** See 4
- 23** Oddly enough, each loaf I try it's been long in the oven (6)
- 24** Girl seen in mirror, topless (4)
- 25** See 19 across
- 27** Yes, he does feature in one setting here (4)

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