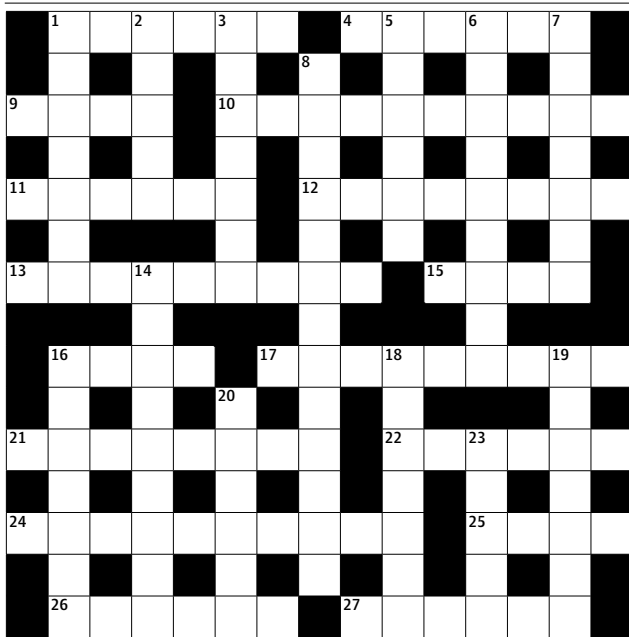


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,200 set by Auster

Across

- 1 Something clutched at, with the way unprepared to take half of us (6)
- 4 As Scott's wretch would finally be with peace-keepers dismantling guns (6)
- 9 Spur on first of parrots on perch (4)
- 10 What the compere will do with stunted beast and how he's removed (3,3,4)
- 11 Oddball wants to perform on dam (6)
- 12 Perfect order, but not before bed (5-3)
- 13 Fellows get credit for something soothing (9)
- 15 Call children requiring transport (4)
- 16 End of film out now? Cut! (4)
- 17 (Making a commotion in bed?) (9)
- 21 Shire rents? (5,3)
- 22 Unexpectedly, he's leaving her on way to the country (6)
- 24 Following little brother, boy takes it on nervously having entered illegally (6,4)
- 25 Food is taken in by Lawrence (4)
- 26 A miner's pick? (6)
- 27 He reversed clamp around the bottom (6)

Down

- 1 Scream coming from church under landslip (7)

- 2 Horseman's qualification (5)
- 3 Resolve to have some exercise (4,3)
- 5 Hoon improved by exercise? No chance! (2,4)
- 6 After taking a turn, upset listener is liable to become infected (9)
- 7 Like 8, I long to be travelling with Georgia (7)
- 8 Locking up in vehicle, reacting strangely (13)
- 14 Keep word about government initially – it's potentially explosive! (6,3)
- 16 Readmit tipsy restaurant manager (6,1)
- 18 Turn a blind eye to scam fellow employed at the start (7)
- 19 Passed by, pleased to be moving (7)
- 20 Bob, a bachelor, carries little weight (6)
- 23 More than one spoke of Roger's plug on TV – two! (5)

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