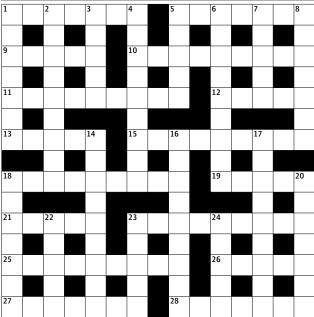
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Anon produced mundane novel (7)
- **5** Dog makes graduates squabble (7)
- **9** Competitor has reviver first off (5)
- **10** Will setback subdue conservationists? (9)
- 11 No curates get mixed up with her! (9)
- **12** Revealed soldier is strange (5)
- **13** Units deployed in North Africa (5)
- **15** Returning thanks here and now (2,7)
- **18** Setter will shortly moderate tetchiness (3,6)
- **19** Course served in Nova Scotia (5)
- **21** Traveller catches cold? Nonsense! (5)
- 23 Pick up head of thistle by stream? That's painful! (9)
- **25** Dwarf to deserve degree (9)
- **26** Libertine brooded a short time (5)
- 27 See what the speaker has to say? (3-4)
- 28 Those people accept foreign currency in principle (7)

Down

- 1 Sad truth about European Commission in the Netherlands (7)
- 2 Clan to run off at night

- **3** Value gathered when assimilating scripture (5)
- **4** An ordeal in fog makes a timely impression (4,5)
- **5** Artisan's close relatives (5)
- **6** Flattery works in drama (4,5)
- **7** Still upset after having victory annulled (5)
- 8 Suitable people on time to construct built-in unit (7)
- **14** Worker's first wife died in shop (9)
- **16** Paddy adopts odd manner in stable (9)
- **17** England's openers hit back in test match (9)
- **18** Popular Communist leader is heathen (7)
- **20** Beat team leader having odd outburst (7)
- **22** Walker turned up to be run over (5)
- 23 Love being in cold store (5)
- **24** Society visiting gallery shows appreciation (5)