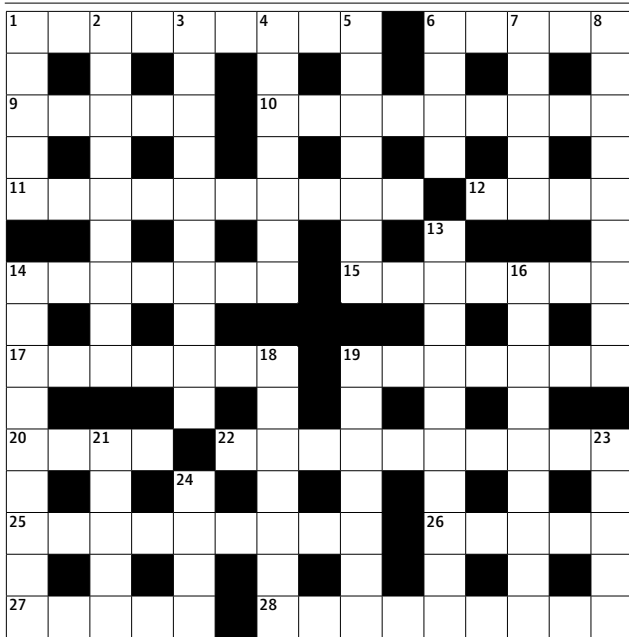


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,237 set by Orlando

Across

- 1 Play with little cat after a change of heart (9)
- 6 Modellers may use this ointment endlessly (5)
- 9 Primate in church with young offender (5)
- 10 Stripper from 12 Coronation Street? (5,4)
- 11 Rhode Island has it as a coastal feature (5,5)
- 12 Treasure Island – finally shell-like (4)
- 14 German city provided backing with subtle skill (7)
- 15 It's glee that's out for a writer of sad stuff (7)
- 17 Rough one succeeding, grabbing contents of sack (7)
- 19 Charles Stuart's head is in the frame (7)
- 20 A little means such a lot as an indication of holiness (4)
- 22 Front man judge listened to right away (10)
- 25 Prudence may be a relative of Soames, as reported (9)
- 26 Twig, for example, brought back by bird (3,2)
- 27 Old master in Belgian city (5)
- 28 There's an element such as yttrium? What a wonderful world! (4,5)

Down

- 1 With due deference to right horse (5)

- 2 Getting even, Craig settled score (9)
- 3 Reading University's accepted good grades initially – not unexpectedly (2,3,5)
- 4 Heron is up the creek not far from the coast (7)
- 5 Almost secure cover for one who's retired? (7)
- 6 Spike has doll that is missing (4)
- 7 Unattached and promiscuous (5)
- 8 Pennsylvania gunmen in suitable American gear (9)
- 13 Smart lawyer allowed dog to have lead removed (5,5)
- 14 Ghastly female? True! (9)
- 16 Insert cop's rank (9)
- 18 Provoke one making an effort to import goods (7)
- 19 Untidy accumulation left in vessel (7)
- 21 At it, on the 7 (5)
- 23 End one's relationship with dyke (5)
- 24 Man is one spreading lies (4)

Solution No. 25,236

