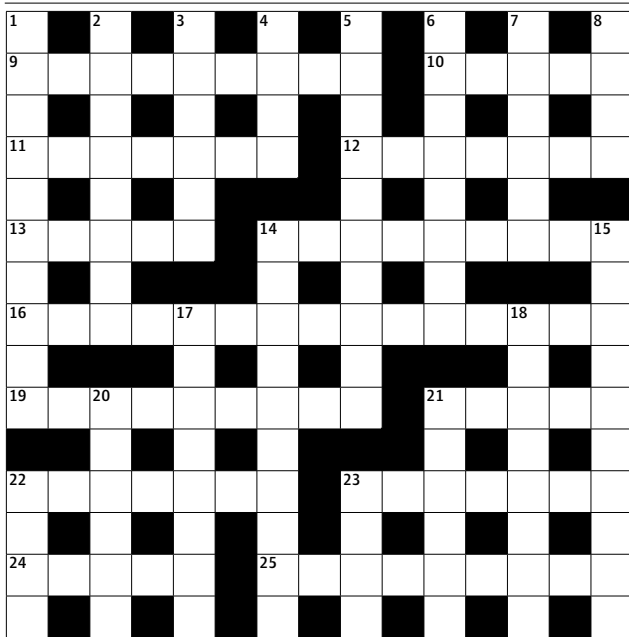


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Turn left amid cheers for release (9)
10 A beleaguered part of Poplar (5)
11 Crab takes a month on a case ... (7)
12 ... earlier piece more like squid (7)
13,24 A French theologian keeping ceremonial robes attacked by 3 (10)
14 Old has-been, devoid of energy, playing "My Fair Lady"? (3-6)
16 Thriller hero gets clip on ear (part of), day not finished (7,8)
19 Greek island boy reported at offshore anchorage (9)
21 See 22
22,21 Cardinal of the Rose to go round on the spot (7,5)
23 Drink with army branch, the greatest (7)
24 See 13
25 Movement for change: simmer mixture for entering (9)

Down

- 1** Plenty of effective anaesthetic? (4,6)
2 Remake of "I Claudius" turn off? I'm wanting to end it all (8)
3 Retranslation, perhaps, of author of 16 (6)
4 Take scenic route with blower? (4)

- 5** Deprived of primary carer when crook mounted her (10)
6 So much for the French – a shapeless unfinished piece of metal (8)
7 Means of fighting an order in London (6)
8,21 Every 22 across 21 across has broken 3 like us (10)
14 A great grand rumpus (ending so soon, one rather suspects) – we started it (10)
15 Conclusion to different setter's warmth of heart? (10)
17 Yellow streak will put celebrity status out of order in time (8)
18 Paladin docked with his top half mashed in cooker (5,3)
20 Fish that's died after head removed to make marzipan (6)
21 See 8
22 Temporary accommodation for hammers? (4)
23 Peter is reliable (4)

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