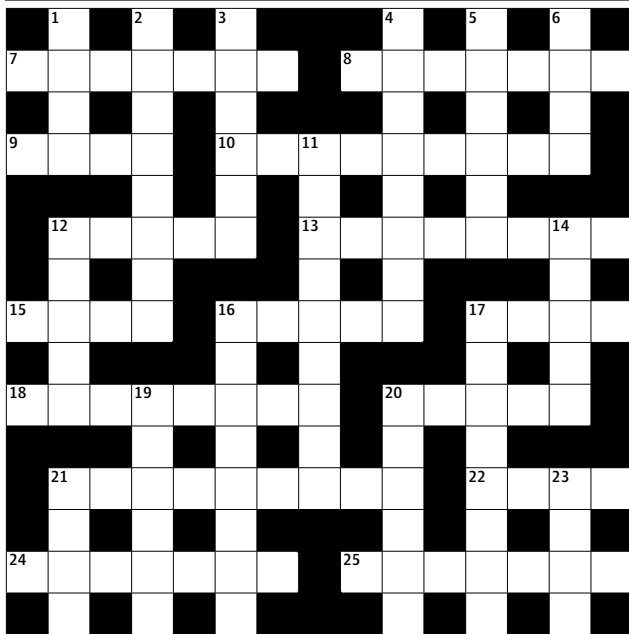


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,294 set by Pasquale

Across

- 7 Drug man injected into meat (7)
- 8 Drunk needs drink that doesn't inebriate (4,3)
- 9 Staff dim, sacked finally (4)
- 10 Time off fixed (9)
- 12 Article discharged by motorboat (5)
- 13 Loner about to get taken in hand and signed up (8)
- 15,16,17 Employ too much effort providing instruction for six undefined clues here (4,1,4,2,2)
- 18 Girl in pink beginning to serve drinks (8)
- 20 Newcastle's rejected snob (5)
- 21 Beans at the top of their poles? They didn't get first prize (7-2)
- 22 Vestment with a type of rose (4)
- 24 Nameless fellow harbouring spy in battle (7)
- 25 Quits sport having bagged record (7)

Down

- 1 Time submerged in water – it's hairy (4)
- 2 Digest of two studies some found empty (8)

- 3 Citadel built by airline with external money (6)
- 4 Choose new form of reel for small fish (8)
- 5 Feeling of excitement when one's a serf (6)
- 6 It's best to get rid of each expert (4)
- 11 Foreign student pries, missing nothing (9)
- 12 Plain refusal after everyone's upset (5)
- 14 Writer offers priest set of religious books (5)
- 16 A short drink (very nice one) to introduce a lecturer presenting literary work (8)
- 17 Tree requires repeated work with a chopper in America (8)
- 19 Devil not bad inside (6)
- 20 Head of school taking stimulant (6)
- 21 Heartless competitor in for the money (4)
- 23 Daft attempt to ascend (4)

Solution No. 25,293

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