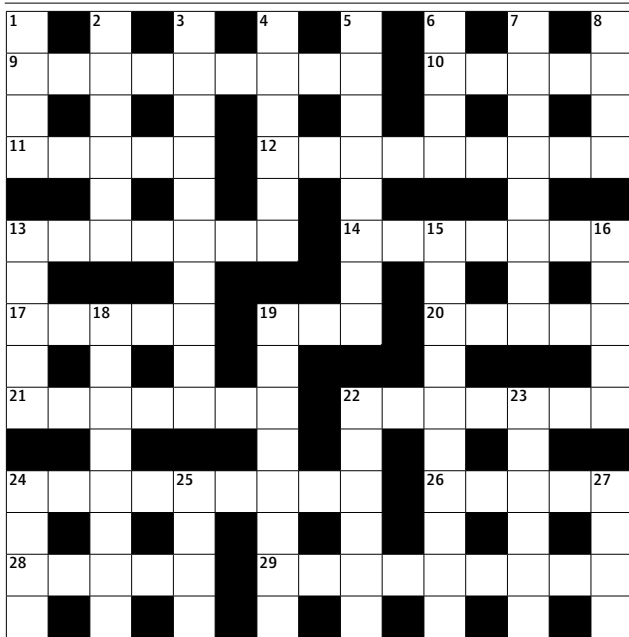


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Sensitive matter involving popular King Edward? (3,6)
10 A rebellious modern artist producing cartoon style (5)
11 Motor travel is a kind of cult (5)
12 Cast her as Lear in early performance (9)
13 Gypsy chick's accepted, having special powers (7)
14 Many ignored extremely dumpy adolescent (7)
17 Seafood is not evenly pink outside and uncooked in the middle (5)
19 Small leak (3)
20 Not the first depressing experience for a mistress (5)
21 Good chap, non-smoker, constrained by bad back (7)
22 Duck into street to get drug in secrecy (7)
24 Earwig could make part of house fall down (9)
26 Maybe Prince of Wales is hip? Only a bit (5)
28 Physicist almost wept, having ingested radioactive element (5)
29 If randy am desperate for male help (3,6)

Down

- 1** Stylish US city, previously obscured (4)
2 Strong and healthy runner learning limits (6)
3 Perhaps I eye hemp on Soho trip? (10)
4 Brilliant Mr Stein's finally taken silk? (6)

- 5** Where you might find a bad setter? (8)
6 Good-bye to All That, originally first part of autobiography (2-2)
7 Wayward nineties genius (8)
8 Source of water, free from disease (4)
13 Plumbing makes a high-pitched noise (5)
15 Toper and moper are miserable together for now (3,7)
16 Pole enthralled by Russian Orthodoxy (5)
18 Emollient embrocation and Vaseline initially penetrating inverted part of nipple (4,4)
19 Keeping back crop when frost is coming is an illegal act (3,5)
22 Lazy and posh, without backbone (6)
23 Marriage vow crushed by politician's sex drive (6)
24 Every capital in Europe has a church (4)
25 Fat girl's fat bottom (4)
27 Tries editing leaders' comments (4)

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