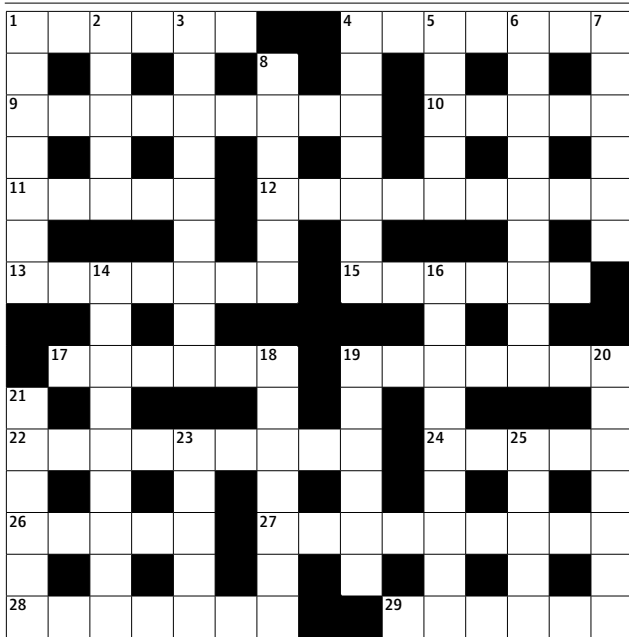


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Title for chap guarding queen, in a way (6)
- 4 Work in parts arranged for each of Queen's musicians (3,4)
- 9 Queen invariably accepted by African country? Not altogether (9)
- 10 Queen Mother meeting first lady (5)
- 11 The Queen, say, to perfection welcoming head of state (5)
- 12 Queen briefly appearing in 9, 16 and 27 (9)
- 13 Doctor knew half of royals – that includes Queens (3,4)
- 15 Necklace from ancestor queen acquired (6)
- 17 Queens in East spotted a king going west (6)
- 19 Queens, for example, on being embraced by merry monarch (7)
- 22 Queen I expelled from Mediterranean city (9)
- 24 In hand, bridge partners spot queens, potentially (5)
- 26 Queen awfully hot, it was said (5)
- 27 Film player capturing the rook or queen (9)
- 28 French queen's refusal received by English king (7)
- 29 A short step for queen going from one European country to another (6)

Down

- 1 Size of big explosion turning up no precious stone (7)
- 2 New song raised money in Africa (5)
- 3 Part of circuit chosen, then travelled (9)

- 4 Anticipate publicity proclamation (7)
- 5 Plain maiden taken in by old man (5)
- 6 Encountered in English and French articles music associated with 20, say (5,4)
- 7 Produce sound reflections contributing to free choice (2-4)
- 8 Old stringed instrument on sign (6)
- 14 Hit with something contentious in part of foundation (9)
- 16 Real disruption perturbed press – their complaints get worse again (9)
- 18 Mixed with cider, as required for cocktail (7)
- 19 Keen to include a measure that's shrewd (6)
- 20 Part of our capital retrieved from enterprise as ten dividends (4,3)
- 21 Embargo what French put in vessel (6)
- 23 Pale in colour, like one kind of crustacean (5)
- 25 Noise made by fans, leading West Ham in rare recovery (5)

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