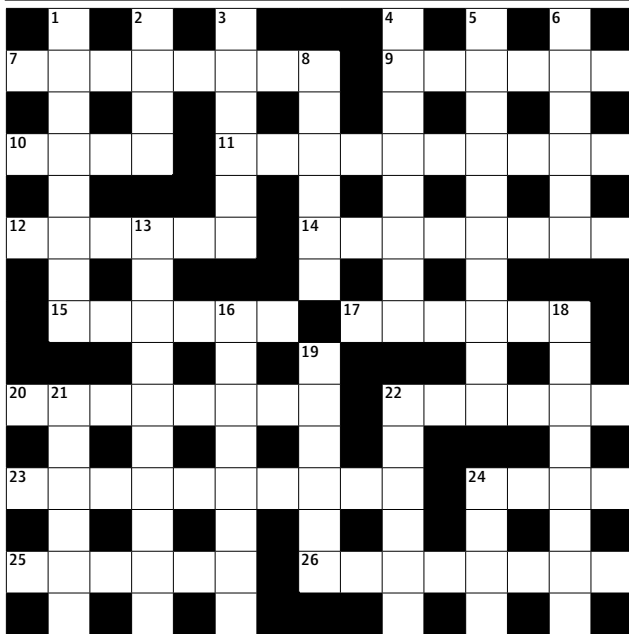


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,312 set by Araucaria

Across

- 7** Time on alarm clocks for bags of 21 22 across 9? (8)
9 See 21
10 See 3
11,15 Mrs 7's half mixture containing one current on street (7,3,6)
12 Mrs after lepidoptera? (6)
14 Report of salary – very little – demands examination (8)
15 See 11
17,26 Mrs in song, dreamy sort, on ancient, ancient language (2,4,3,5)
20 A stonemason dropping pieces by male voice choir in unison (2,3,3)
22 See 21
23 Sweetheart interrupting most of reindeer's answers (10)
24 8's endgame? (4)
25 Short laugh among experts, for a wonder (6)
26 See 17

Down

- 1** Last of lost causes for which (said Lorenzo) the man without music is fit (8)
2 Advertisement for smoking? (4)

- 3,10** Mrs 51%? (6,4)
4 Pet fruit of constable in play (8)
5 Sellers involved with 10 never giving up (10)
6 Friend of old continuing to flag (6)
8 Mr or Mrs with its top in pickle (6)
13 Mrs Ireland's party held by tailless beast (3,7)
16 No lover of "Mrs" takes Tracey in hand (8)
18 Mythical birds fly at first inside with study of automation (8)
19 Shakespearean, an elevated member finding love (6)
21,22across,9 Mrs with title in a word uttered by the web's dome house (3,3,4,2,6)
22 12 not happy with a place besieged by Romans (6)
24 Pout at low talk (4)

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E	P	I	G	R	A	M	C	R	Y	P	T	I	C	
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