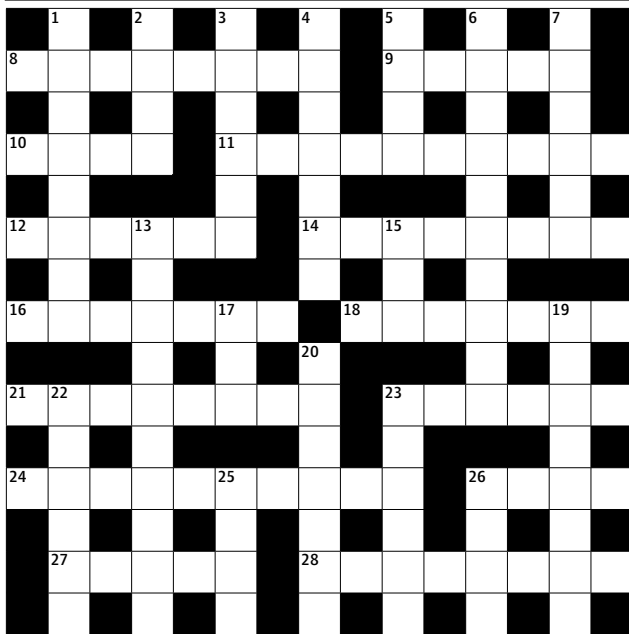


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,318 set by Brummie

Across

- 8** Ex-Chancellor, Rod, turned independent – vegetable! (8)
9 Sound of trumpeter with hot mouthpiece (5)
10 See 26 down
11 Diametrically opposite pointed rocks, one follows source of Amazon (10)
12 Powdered bottom (6)
14 Run over, note, by late person's vehicle (8)
16 Party, one way and another, has awful things one's unable to name (7)
18 Everlasting event being so even (7)
21 Blend or brew or fictional small family member? (8)
23,4,22 Bothersome if I ratify novel written by a suitably connected 5 15 17 25 (1,5,7,2,4)
24 Sherwood's first wood cutter's consumer aid (5,5)
26 See 2
27 Keen to do so noisily (5)
28 Greek fetching Trojan having left one cold (8)
- 6** Conspicuous person calling for taxi's public announcement device (10)
7 Braying beast making a fool of a woman (3-3)
13 Don't think much of unfairly breaking V&A nude rule (10)
15 What did you say about bacon end being dear in Scotland? (3)
17 Fruit article located between dimensions (3)
19 Livestock cleanser moved deep inside boat (5,3)
20 Scare about energy needed for goods on the move (7)
22 See 23 across
23 Ancient, say, going north, constrained by unstable load (3-3)
25 Best selling writer's weight reduced (eating short measure) (4)
26,10 Old-fashioned titillation in the butler's view? (4,4)

Down

- 1** Seducer's short length hair too wavy (8)
2,26across Tube weapon shifted below to smother radio signal (8)
3 One unknown to get into firm danger (6)
4 See 23 across
5 Measure up cats and dogs? (4)

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