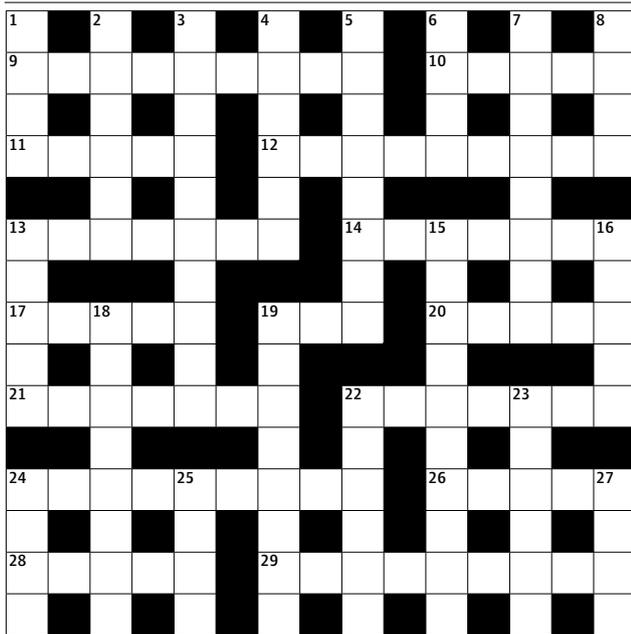


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,325 set by Puck

Across

- 9 Hated going round a bit back in unroadworthy car? (9)
 10 Spruce tree's first seen in Bath, not the outskirts in another city (5)
 11 Scolding woman was heartless with her rollicking (5)
 12 UN priority involved no unknown breaking in (9)
 13 Flipping major road's no good for getting stuck (7)
 14 Tail of diver or another bird, not one that's a big swimmer (7)
 17 One church infiltrating another's hiding place (5)
 19,18 Dickensian advice for treating itch, involving shilling in change? (3,8)
 20 Old man holding army corps in awe (5)
 21 Cooked with a little brown bread, say (7)
 22 Artists masquerading as people hesitating to follow my lead (7)
 24 Teller of tales has crane cavorting with lots of ... (9)
 26 ... fish from the River Ouse, until tickling starts (5)
 28 Sign tooth decay hasn't started, as seen in the mirror at 2? (5)
 29 Leader of Uriah Heep's got to reform group (3,6)

Down

- 1 Some of these Dickensians turned up for a day in 24 down reportedly (4)
 2 Hit written after 22 down half cut grass (6)
 3 Irate Welsh dancing group – were they ... (3,7)

- 4 ... caught being 25 after piano disappeared? (6)
 5 Magazine once distributed in Paris – and Bern briefly (5,3)
 6 Adult taken in by party game (4)
 7 Position of a small singer in performing duet (8)
 8 Hue and cry about doctor getting struck off (4)
 13,22 Dickensian nut that's spread out on grass topless (5,6)
 15 Dire tempo applied to end of McEwan's Atonement (10)
 16 Places to swim for the larger figured person when topless? (5)
 18 See 19 across
 19 Mad about daughter getting the sack over things never getting settled (3,5)
 22 See 13
 23 Used mobile outside times to ring if going out ... (6)
 24 ... to use it abroad, say, with nothing in memory (4)
 25 Inquisitive new sailor sat on top of yardarm (4)
 27 One of 3 originally displayed in Photoshop (4)

Solution No. 25,324

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