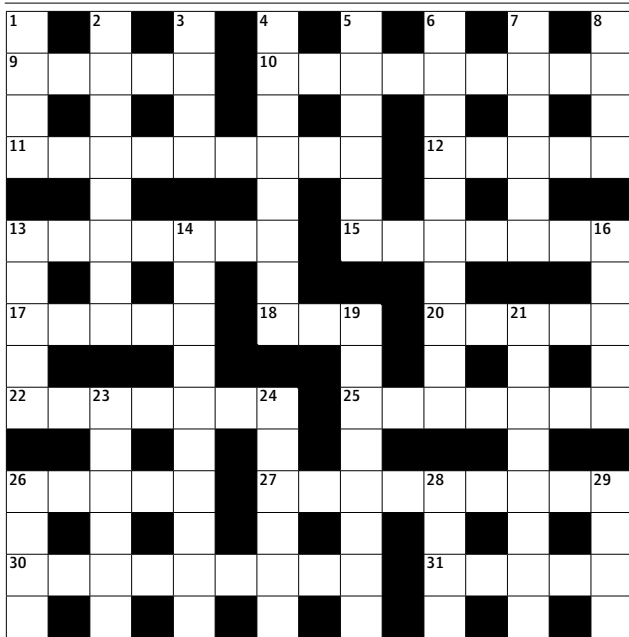


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9 A flower came up (5)
- 10 Unstable rate set by comparatively stable official (9)
- 11 Out on a limb in Linnaean terms, maybe (9)
- 12 Winner wasted expensive drinks on woman (5)
- 13 Unflagging vigour provides way to get a bird (7)
- 15 Tie knot round flimsy curtains drawn back in theatreland (4,3)
- 17 Cancel periodical, having cut out one of its articles (5)
- 18 Homeric ejaculation evinced by carrier's return (3)
- 20 What to do at the Oscars – read e-book backwards? (5)
- 22 Chief among detectives turned desperate (7)
- 25 Officiant dropped one in church (7)
- 26 Like judge's robes to be disorderly (5)
- 27 Admit interrupting you once with directions to second home (4,5)
- 30 Nappies in which to climb hills? (5,4)
- 31 College getting family groups eviscerated (5)

Down

- 1 Give birth to male in experimental site (4)
- 2 Public artwork formerly obliged to include headless horse (8)

- 3 Hunt up or pour down (4)
- 4 Celebrity scoring +500 is par for the course (8)
- 5 Cut about an arm's length and gain in tolerance (6)
- 6 Fiddler getting actress in a whirl (5,5)
- 7 Eg Fortinbras's charge – protecting Norway? (6)
- 8 Monk's head falling two places in planet's insignia (4)
- 13 Pulls up the grass (5)
- 14 It's my intention to recite without script (10)
- 16 Tiresome introduction to drunken bum (5)
- 19 Catcall in store on the way back (8)
- 21 Yields to Julian Clary and Lily Savage, perhaps? (8)
- 23 Man given warning about boys (6)
- 24 Saw, say, ship (6)
- 26 Item of furniture as yet unfinished (4)
- 28 Agitate headless fish (4)
- 29 Promiscuous and, without question, a bit sick (4)

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