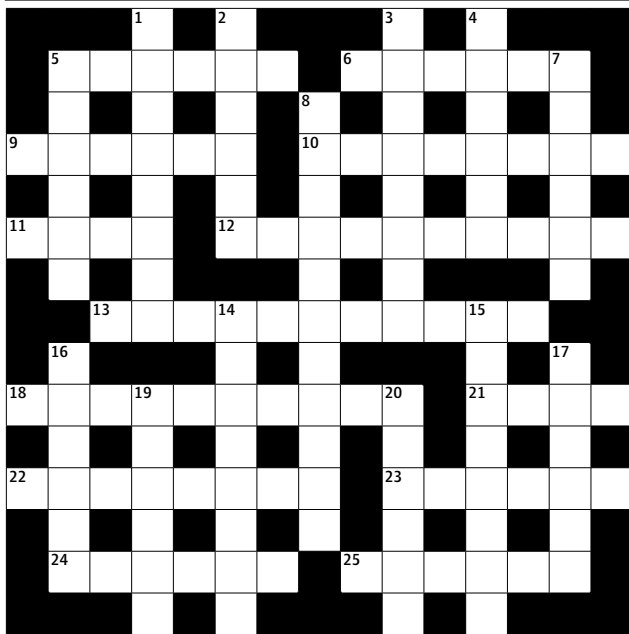


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 5 What an indulgence! (6)
- 6 Incendiary substance made by buddy during US war (6)
- 9 Epitaph saying something cutting (6)
- 10 One business transaction is my initial evidence of high-mindedness (8)
- 11 “Mad Men” is retro knock out! (4)
- 12 Where perhaps we sit down to take in a view? (6,4)
- 13 Dogs shot in a difficult place (7,4)
- 18 One bears arms, shattering chest on cue (10)
- 21 Distress turns to smile after tea is taken (4)
- 22 Half my diet is vegetarian (8)
- 23 R. Benaud’s broadcast (6)
- 24 Water runs – water vapour befofs (6)
- 25 Arachne has row – it’s what I’m good at (6)

Down

- 1 Captive boy held hostage by intruder (8)
- 2 Bob hit dog (3-3)

- 3 Poor asylum seekers finally opt out quietly in advance (4-4)
- 4 Refer to American’s thick skin (6)
- 5 Describe one wearing the trousers (6)
- 7 Graham is hapless source of disaster (6)
- 8 Footballer millions see play (6,5)
- 14 I rejected calumnies about America (5,3)
- 15 Means to cut out material for dress (8)
- 16 A small class has property (6)
- 17 Lithe mountaineers showing guts (6)
- 19 Declares six in clubs (6)
- 20 She agrees retired academic’s oddly dreary (6)

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