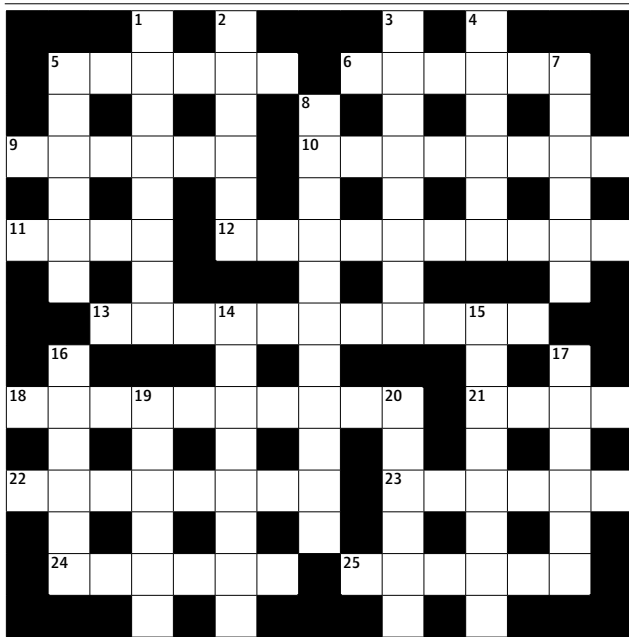


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,365 set by Rufus

Across

- 5 Live with inspiring woman in muddle (6)
- 6 Liberty, for example, is not just a figure of speech (6)
- 9 Opening vocal variation to Elgar's first (6)
- 10 Injure outside left, fouled, resulting in a break (4-4)
- 11 Exploit a twist of fate (4)
- 12 Redeeming feature of a loan, perhaps (4,6)
- 13 Lose one's grip and take no further action (4,3,4)
- 18 Clear arguments may help them with their cases (10)
- 21 Pin of a revolver? (4)
- 22 It may be served when bean soup is off (8)
- 23 Noise inside gear when travelling (6)
- 24 Does it secure tile to shingle? (6)
- 25 Pound is good in France – capital! (6)

Down

- 1 Phoney claim of poverty took in a holy man (8)
- 2 Hibernating snake wrapped around shelter (6)
- 3 Wild cat, lithe and muscular (8)

- 4 Radio reception problem which never goes away (6)
- 5 More adventurous Rock sound (6)
- 7 Head left student to get a good job (6)
- 8 Let Jack be seen to supply a military presence (4,3,4)
- 14 Way call-up is put together is lamentable (8)
- 15 Is supportive but fails to intervene (6,2)
- 16 Fail to prepare the ground (6)
- 17 Nordic person catches an extra fish (6)
- 19 I am given place at Cambridge finally, gaining credit (6)
- 20 Make an effort in race (6)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,358

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