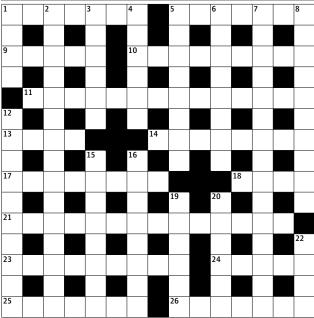
## **Guardian cryptic crossword**



No 25,380 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1 Stop batting at customs?
- 5 Kiss spinner at pickup point (3,4)
- **9** Seashell or sea 20 (5)
- 10 Converted by the Church of England, Canary Island relocates to 3 (9)
- 11 Stirring leader's mother in hide in aircraft (8-6)
- **13,1down** Measure piece the wrong way, making hole in floor? (8)
- 14 Don Juan not willing to find a river 20 (8)
- 17 Virtuous winner securing name with help from mentor (8)
- **18,22** Sweet arrangement of semitones with one missing (4,4)
- 21 Move fast to deal with dead ringer in flower (10,4)
- 23,8 Coming to posh second match and put through the mill with climbing frame etc (9,10)
- 24 Flower unknown among old English solvers (5)
- 25 Military vehicle studied, they say, by crusader (7)
- **26** Do a number of jewels make a fair vehicle? (7)

## **Down**

- 1 See 13
- 2 Two-way cooker to throw away at island in

- lake, taking nearly nine days (11,4)
- 3 A large part of a saucy dish 20 (6)
- **4** Prompter upset by cover for mathematician (6)
- **5** Advantage securing a judge in contact with ground level (8)
- 6 Bask with leader in tabloid articles (8)
- 7 Cause of big bang in English tunnel, riots resulting (15)
- 8 See 23
- **12** Where to land with boat as taught by Rada? (10)
- **15** Local boss who made music (8)
- 16 Jump in diamonds (no cue bid made), with no move possible (8)
- 19 3's piece at last achieves mate (6)
- 20 Une femme? Eine Frau?
- 22 See 18 Across

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