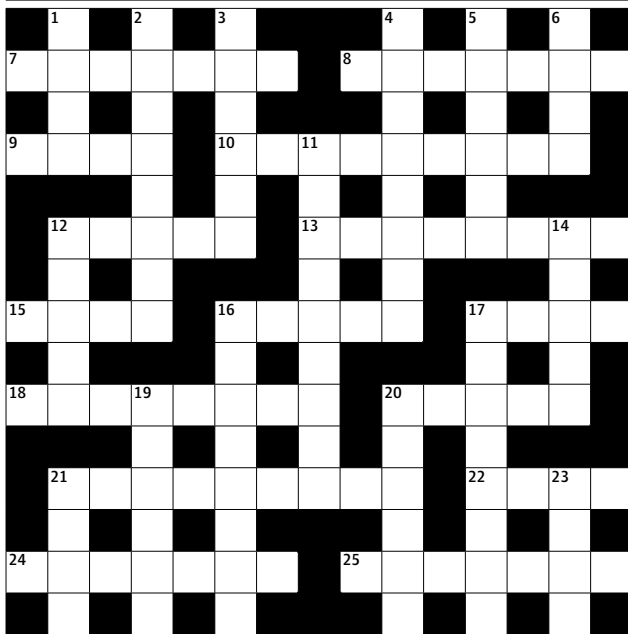


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 7 One not necessarily looking to buy a tanker without resistance (7)  
 8 Jar from pub, steeped in exotic aroma (7)  
 9 0.25 of a yard by 1.25 yards, being hollow (4)  
 10 First of the invading Mohicans changing into outer wear (9)  
 12 Tree potentially provides answer – “hard growth” (5)  
 13 Local party takes Rouen – “alternative backed out” slur (8)  
 15 Work round infected matter (4)  
 16 One that descended to inspire a physicist to invest money in booze? (5)  
 17 Chanel’s chief unfashionably fashionable flaw (4)  
 18 Explosive heard burying fighting tanks, missiles etc (8)  
 20 Utter failure, Jamie’s last dessert (5)  
 21 Scruffy sitcom character wants new hospital department part (9)  
 22 Symbol, which a fraudster might own (4)  
 24 Rocky argued about Penny being a better model? (7)  
 25 Leave head’s unwelcome visitors outside NEC complex (7)

## Down

- 1 Forfeit, not attack, fish (4)  
 2 Birds roll from side to side in swaying sycamore tops (8)

- 3 Broken arm nursed by blokes he’s tailed (6)  
 4 Controversial artist with little money, powerless to achieve distinction (8)  
 5 Plate showing Church of Rome losing half of its members, consecutively (6)  
 6 Cheeky formality – no way (4)  
 11 Crepe woven with article-free Milan fabric (9)  
 12 As a most radiant star might be pursued by male (5)  
 14 Rubbish left out for chauffeur (5)  
 16 Moreover, securing a prisoner with a snake (8)  
 17 Crossword setter? Agreeable type switching two adjacent letters (8)  
 19 Affectedly modest object (English) (6)  
 20 Nevertheless, can interrupt (4,2)  
 21 Elevated room without energy limits (4)  
 23 Topless beefcake poser’s wear that hurt? (4)

## Solution No. 25,405

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