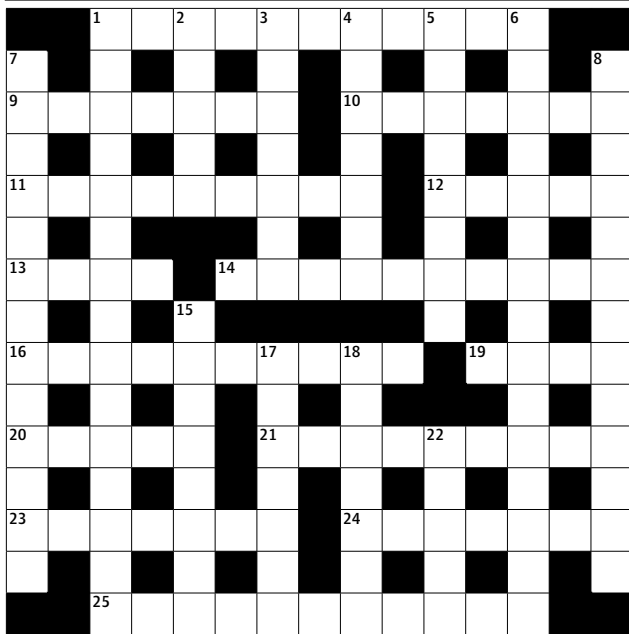


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,417 set by Araucaria

Across

- 1 Insect that kills fools in East European river (8,3)
- 9 Instrument put into car in a hurry (7)
- 10 Writer in favour of canonising the Queen? (7)
- 11 Grotesque folk: is Cumbrian village guarded by them? (9)
- 12 Source of energy for second XI? (5)
- 13 I have a shot at playing a villain (4)
- 14 10's work in D? (7,3)
- 16 Undercover timbers produce light from shells? (5,5)
- 19 Result of test: don't change after all (4)
- 20 It's splendid about the feminine element being in competition (5)
- 21 Amid utter destruction, give audience to sincerity (4,5)
- 23 Last demon to be converted to saint (7)
- 24 One crazy guy has endless love before he's born (2,5)
- 25 Caught by radical paper, female having had near death experience? (11)

Down

- 1 10's work has unwise translation, an idiot's (1,7,2,5)

- 2 The common man a forger? (5)
- 3 Southern shire loves to go ahead (7)
- 4 Princess at home to supporter and volunteers (7)
- 5 Poet to fish by his stream (8)
- 6 Got ready for action: there's a fly about, a male, eaten by an amphibian (8,2,1,4)
- 7 10's work: people of quality and intelligence have one inside and a line outside (4,4,1,4)
- 8 Almost cure it in paved area with some necessary forethought (13)
- 15 Tough pre-development of sixties' best-seller (3,5)
- 17 Qualify to have a bird in the French holding (7)
- 18 10's work has a number of golden grains (7)
- 22 Small house added to German dog (5)

Solution No. 25,416

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