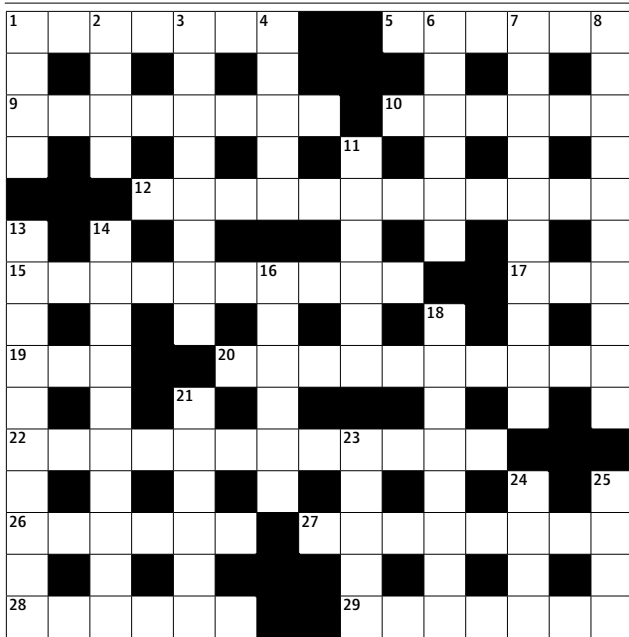


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,435 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1 Call bills problematic? (7)
- 5 God of love after an election (6)
- 9 Structure for hanging that thanked us very much (8)
- 10 Namby-pamby Scots lad or lassie (6)
- 12 Fashionable painting: one copper departed hardly saying anything (12)
- 15 American film director losing right to part of oil producer (5,5)
- 17,19 Bird – 's bird, say (3,3)
- 20 Nothing for girl that's as sweet a supporter as Mandy could be (5,5)
- 22 Till second hour (say) is included, provide the food (4,8)
- 26 A lot of writing first to last on beliefs (6)
- 27 French city not heard to win (8)
- 28 Don Quixote's horse, say? (6)
- 29 Allow tenancy to lapse – it may be suspended (7)

## Down

- 1 Hurry to get on board (4)
- 2 Space patrolled and exhausted? (4)
- 3 One breaking the law of protection (8)

- 4,6 Type of power also keeping former nerves inside (5,6)
- 7 Holland gives money to a graduate with less cover (3,4-3)
- 8 Compound, maybe nitrous, you say: I say different, it's a flower (2-3,5)
- 11 Smoked fish in pub – it's cooler outside (6)
- 13 Table top sleuths bring dangerous stuff (6,4)
- 14 Turning faint, we get back to such as Illinois (10)
- 16 Two angry characters missing or making plucky sounds (6)
- 18,21 Final defeat with game crossing the Thames (8,6)
- 23 Reverse of shot other than first rate (5)
- 24,25 State of body after large meal at high speed (4,4)

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