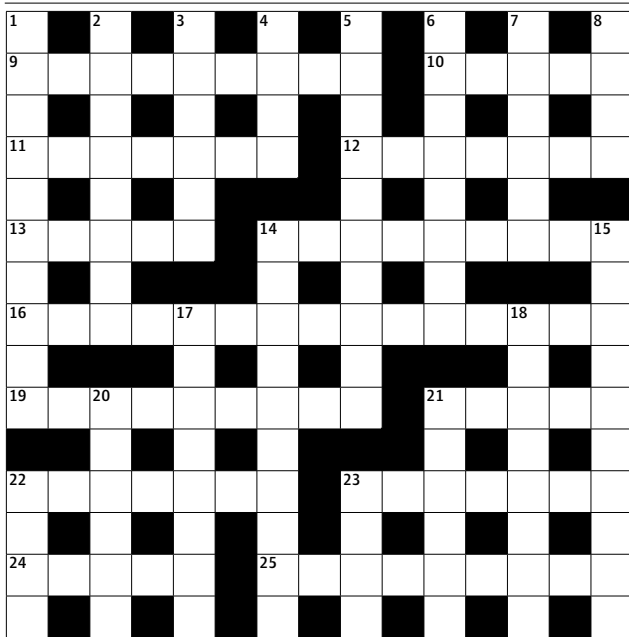


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,462 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 9 Eastern promise – it replaces the right to sum up (9)
- 10 Gas, one taken from realm of 14 across, the one who was 2 (5)
- 11 Completely virtuous plus 'aving the wherewithal to make tricks? (4,3)
- 12 Flop is its first attraction, if I get a bit of a bottom line (7)
- 13 Ran into debt, concealing bill (5)
- 14 Main female character, having lost love, pursues pet name (9)
- 16 One little drink secures record likely to include name for being out of control (15)
- 19 Taken from a passage, removed from the rest, about Roundhead (9)
- 21 Bachelor building portable coffer (5)
- 22 Looking for former Eastern city outside the East? (7)
- 23 Report of Hebrew climber who was European queen (7)
- 24 Old magistrate about the day before (5)
- 25 Gilbertian ship with grandmother and mother goddess cut short by student (5,4)

## Down

- 1 Where middle C is often ill-greened when cooked (6,4)
- 2 Split and went down, pierced by killer (8)

- 3 Vulgar query as to difficulty of 14 across, the one who was 18 (6)
- 4 Ends of 2 ended (4)
- 5 With name of one's own choice less deftly planned (4-6)
- 6 I rely on a young woman from Israel (8)
- 7 A soldier keeping out a rodent (6)
- 8 Name for good manners (4)
- 14 Note to say thank you for announcement of meal with Bengali port (10)
- 15 Regular sum for all included in the end (10)
- 17 Wasn't destroyed by disastrous drive versus United States (8)
- 18 Even if he were possibly dead, I certainly am! (8)
- 20 Next to "astute" in the index, home of the 8 who was 2 (6)
- 21 8, the one that was 18, was good about field (6)
- 22 Little fish 14 across, the one that 17 (4)
- 23 The odd one out to seem or be heard to have 4 (4)

## Solution No. 25,461

