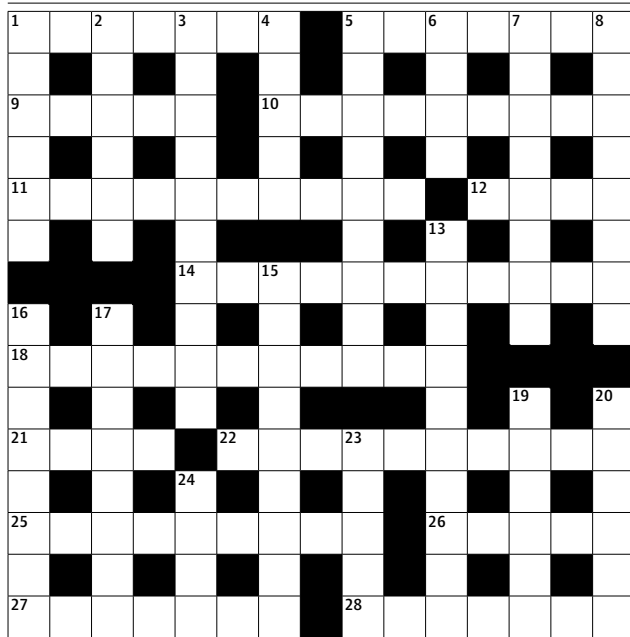


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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All the pieces are of a kind from the same hand

### Across

- 1 Expert to dump moth (4-3)
- 5 Fight with the Queen's violinist? (7)
- 9 A 2 operator's Nazi catchword (5)
- 10 Piece to see with bird and smile (9)
- 11 City channel (English, not English) has broken rest (10)
- 12 City of 10's bird? (4)
- 14 No matter that a fiend gets gold – so much is bilingual (11)
- 18 Complaint that one could hear Forsyth greeting relative? (11)
- 21 Franciscan food? (4)
- 22 There's heavenly vision, we hear, with saline solution (3,4,3)
- 25 Setter's got his love removed from once threatening state (9)
- 26 In the dark until switched (5)
- 27 See 20
- 28 Have you heard "Have some Madeira, \_\_\_" after a term and a half? (3-4)

### Down

- 1 Composer is god if he changes ends (6)
- 2,17 Piece working for KLM? (6,8)
- 3 Property in Berlin retained by 6d piece (10)
- 4 City coppers in Scotland (5)
- 5 Novel spectacles include hard seat backed by associate of Cadbury (9)
- 6 Pieces of bull, perhaps (4)
- 7 Zoroastrian river piece (8)
- 8 Restore what may have been overeaten heartlessly (8)
- 13,19 Piece going to Sunderland: is it possible? (7,3,6)
- 15 I held up joiners to the devil's work force? (4,5)
- 16 Sailor with blemishes doesn't indulge (8)
- 17 See 2
- 19 See 13
- 20,27 Piece of a thousand flowers in a department (13)
- 23 Fancy mother entertaining king of Italy! (5)
- 24 Even a king may come up out of a bender (4)

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