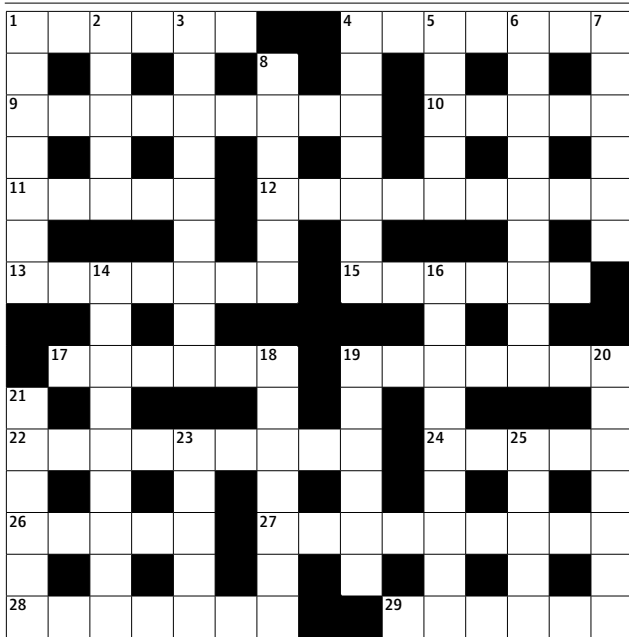


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,516 set by Boatman

Across

- 1 Artist, modern (by ancient measure) about a second (6)
- 4 Well-pitched motion to claim Yankee heart (7)
- 9 Beyond stormy ocean, to win a second time (4,5)
- 10 See 5
- 11 Endless ridicule at leading store chains
- 12 Of dramatic change in play: episode not right (9)
- 13 Good cooking: fry oil and lard with honour (7)
- 15 Boatman's second in command put in charge, their leaders half-blind (6)
- 17 Finger in food, Indian perhaps (6)
- 19 Boatman's senior officer meets destiny (7)
- 22 Was Rat to Toad, hence not right? (7,2)
- 24 Second in command to attack with courage (5)
- 26 Second from last to harvest grain (5)
- 27 Changed sides and lied – anger erupted (9)
- 28 Second from last in plane perhaps to race here (7)
- 29 Record in Nelson's signal his last word to second in command (6)

Down

- 1 Second from last in race failing at the finish (7)
- 2 Lad gets money and love (5)

- 3 Make-up's second comedy device (9)
- 4 Bottom note: aah? (7)
- 5,10 Not fresh small beer: what goes into it before being drunk (4-6)
- 6 Power-sharing puts the French in logical fix (9)
- 7 Snake's partner – large snake (6)
- 8 Just cradling the head of Lord Nelson's captain (6)
- 14 Cromwell's "man of iron", a vile distortion (9)
- 16 Letters of credit lost, counterfoil torn? Not good conduct (3,2,4)
- 18 Second red nose comedy (7)
- 19 More than a person? Second in command (aye aye, captain!) (3-3)
- 20 Sea duty shift on second working day (7)
- 21 A summer drink in scenic Eteauville (3,3)
- 23 Controversially his (or her) IT crashed (5)
- 25 Allow only formal "thou" in French or Swahili, for example (5)

Solution No. 25,515

