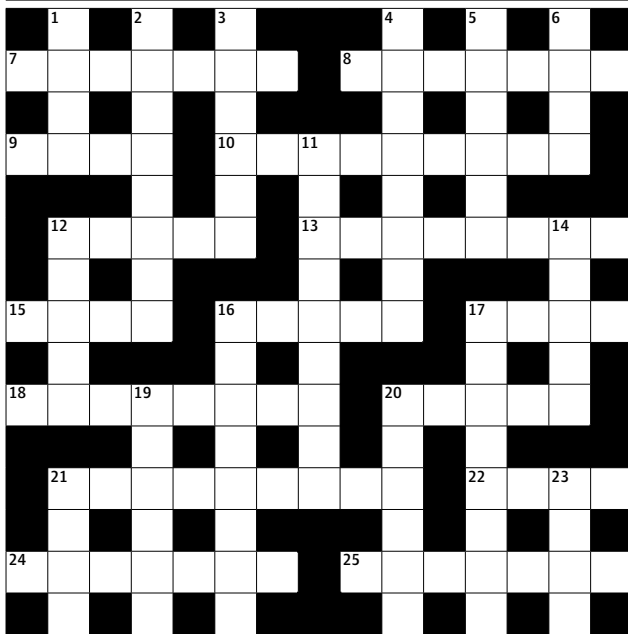


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 7 A number shout showing approval, when holding clubs in card game (7)  
 8 Dash after school orchestra (7)  
 9 My Family run through for the audience (4)  
 10 Fools a bird (9)  
 12 Comprehensive to remove uniform from budget (5)  
 13 Displayed eggs by Spooner at exhibition (4,4)  
 15 Bank providing heartless response (4)  
 16 Secret service once carrying gong into battle (5)  
 17 Fight with witness (4)  
 18 Throw a bug into school (8)  
 20 Explain love's effect (5)  
 21 Soldiers given effective support (9)  
 22 Gather food (4)  
 24 Drunk? Open the liquor! (7)  
 25 Light hair regularly requires a grip (3,4)

## Down

- 1 Twist head off lizard (4)  
 2 Type of fat cat – and where to find it? (8)  
 3 Stop on the first Underground (6)  
 4 Distant place endlessly eroded by flood (8)  
 5 Animals, say, reared on cold island (6)  
 6 Penny's bearing twins! (4)  
 11 Ice is within safe limits (9)  
 12 Ground a bit of nutmeg into sphere (5)  
 14 Falstaffian part to be selected (5)  
 16 Fought to put small box over light source (8)  
 17 Lively base straddling the equator? (8)  
 19 Fiery comic character created high tension (6)  
 20 Boat changes direction to procure drink (6)  
 21 Cross street full of holes (4)  
 23 Adherents of "flower power" (4)

Solution No. 25,573

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