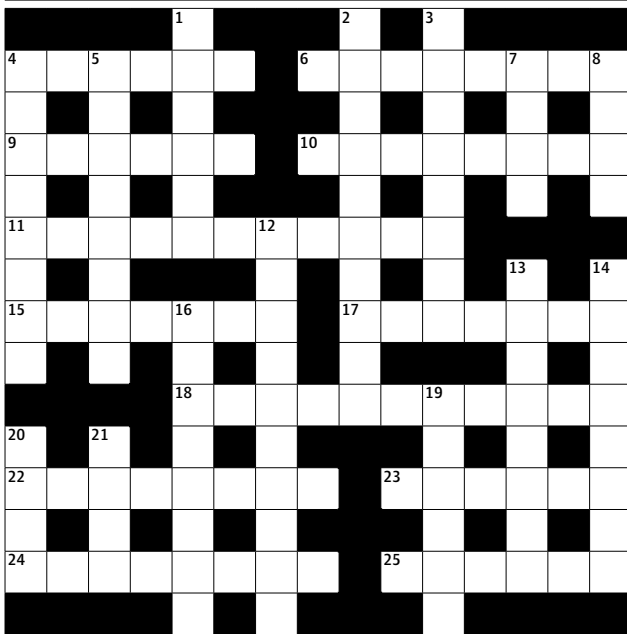


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 4** States circumvented by hasty retreat of gay character (6)
6 Mutant 2 transmuted metal (8)
9,1 Inquisitor wrecked Manx army jeep (6,6)
10 Ecstatic about coiffure for prom (8)
11 Monarch caught by his opponent on air (7,4)
15 Discriminatory fifth-rankers catching seventh note (7)
17 Eg fungus-scavenger initially multiplied by 20 (7)
18 Dance mistress and dissolute priest on the job (11)
22 What Syrinx did in 8? Yielded! (8)
23 Yob getting hold of New Order's 22 garment (6)
24 Unfashionable subject's popular favourites (8)
25 Polish writers wanting head of Polish painter (6)

Down

- 1** See 9
2 Receivers receiving setter's payment, initially, in coins (10)
3 Bulb in lift lifted in house (8)
4 Terrorist (cyber-criminal) embracing leaders of Islamic jihad (8)

- 5** Pasquale, perhaps, cross-culturally cross-dressing, cold and dry (8)
7 One-trick artist's creation (4)
8 Yen to interrupt thousandth tall tale? (4)
12 Discouragement of French dramatist adopting recipe (10)
13 Feel bad about turning on gas in beleaguered economic area (8)
14 Kind of ancient Roman people keeping half of 13 confused (8)
16 Hobby generating unearned income (8)
19 15 circle needing brains to crack this? (6)
20 Idle, maybe, being possessed of infinite riches (4)
21 Weasel docked in colonnade (4)

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