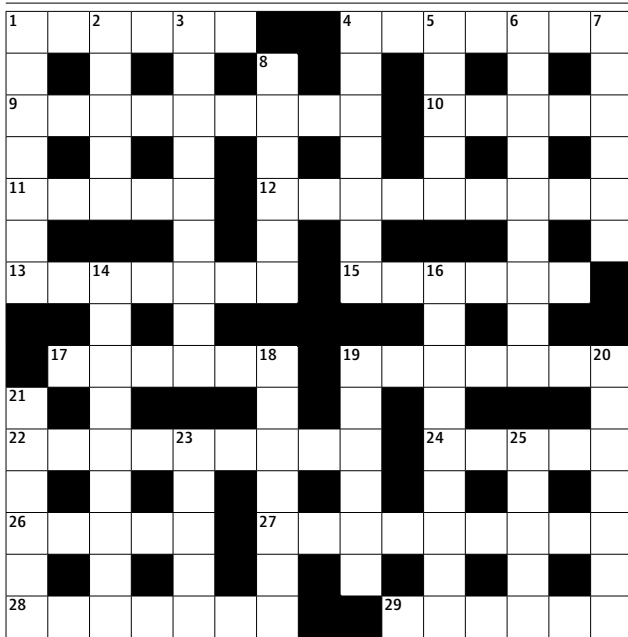


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,636 set by Orlando

Across

- 1 Sort of party backed by great fictional character (6)
- 4 Have no truck with tender? Endlessly one moves wagons (7)
- 9 Criminal doesn't aim for prison (9)
- 10 Shop closing early before mass attack (5)
- 11 Catcher in novel also first for Salinger (5)
- 12 Oldest measure for horse – from its mouth? (5-4)
- 13 Smarter rabbit comprehending one (7)
- 15 Spread bad news about Turkey (6)
- 17 Light fitment in the old days (after second century) (6)
- 19 Nuts deserve to be cut off (7)
- 22 Treaty or pact oddly ignored by state capital (9)
- 24 True capital of Mayan kingdom (5)
- 26 Delicacies half-cooked for Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar (2,3)
- 27 Stand for show again? (9)
- 28 Woman from the loony left? Not so! (7)
- 29 Patient's beginning 7 – not finishing drugs before operation (3-3)

Down

- 1 Plucky lyricist's first to join an Asian ensemble (7)
- 2 Kindling catches on (5)

- 3 European houses to New Englander (9)
- 4 Mountainous areas in the middle of Russia on the radio (7)
- 5 Trouble in college with group of students (5)
- 6 Hard worker going over green in which horse was present (6,3)
- 7 Correct bit of metal piping goes outside (6)
- 8 Box camera originally taken by volunteer (6)
- 14 Catch line that's knotted with a sort of hitch (9)
- 16 Boater, possibly, may be seen in Durham (5,4)
- 18 Bore, extremely unpopular, stopping over (7)
- 19 Don't go to bed – sleepy-head exercises! (3-3)
- 20 Given inferior status, daughter displayed strong feelings (7)
- 21 Hoot about being taken in by swindle (6)
- 23 Marshal may be tall? (5)
- 25 Top group didn't fast before noon (1-4)

Solution No. 25,635

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