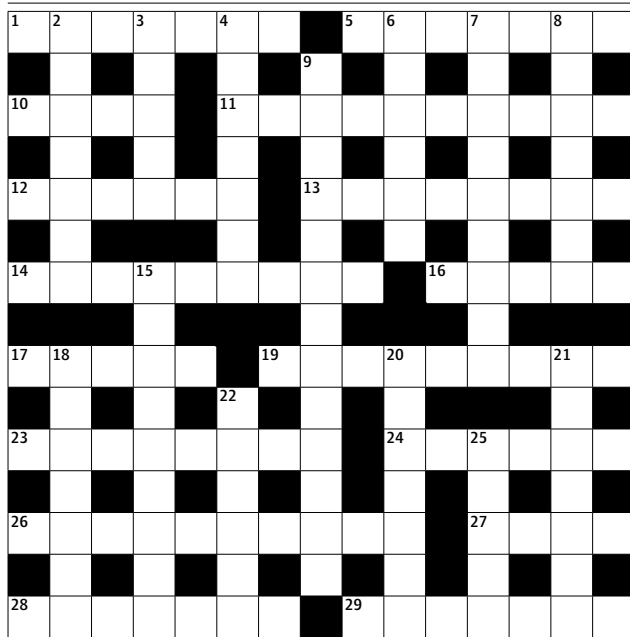


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,679 set by Arachne

Across

- 1 Hotly falling out about a sinister call that's illegal? (5-2)
- 5 He endeavours to sit astride horse and set off (7)
- 10 Blairite's lie kept secret (4)
- 11 Plum wine, we hear, which flies off the shelves (10)
- 12 May is guarded by detective during transfer (6)
- 13 County's top leaders dismissed for making Barnet prettier (8)
- 14 Quietly monitor old, violent campaign (9)
- 16 Not supposed to take on male domain (5)
- 17 Cocaine is, in a manner of speaking, invigorating (5)
- 19 TV show not unknown in part of Ulster (9)
- 23 Spurge purging bishop, producing feeling of bliss (8)
- 24 Separates singular and plural of it (6)
- 26 Short song set in G minor (transposed) (10)
- 27 Not many uttered expression of relief (4)
- 28 Glib talker replies shiftily (7)
- 29 You may see her kip on bars or tumble (7)

Down

- 2 Gold-plated china by Rie that is dismissed as inept (7)
- 3 Muscular vagabond embracing nymph? (5)
- 4 Tabitha Twitchit to find home (7)
- 6 Rough dog covering its back (6)
- 7 Source of metal or pitch (9)
- 8 Regularly using set theory, nearly discover constant (7)
- 9 Copy masochist, suffering in mind and body (13)
- 15 Fluid mechanics causing unfortunate event (9)
- 18 Attack boy? (5,2)
- 20 Posy says no, according to Spooner (7)
- 21 With it – and not so stupid (7)
- 22 Country's endless rapacity leads to currency emergency (6)
- 25 Clearing borders of blue, spiny plant (5)

Solution No. 25,678

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