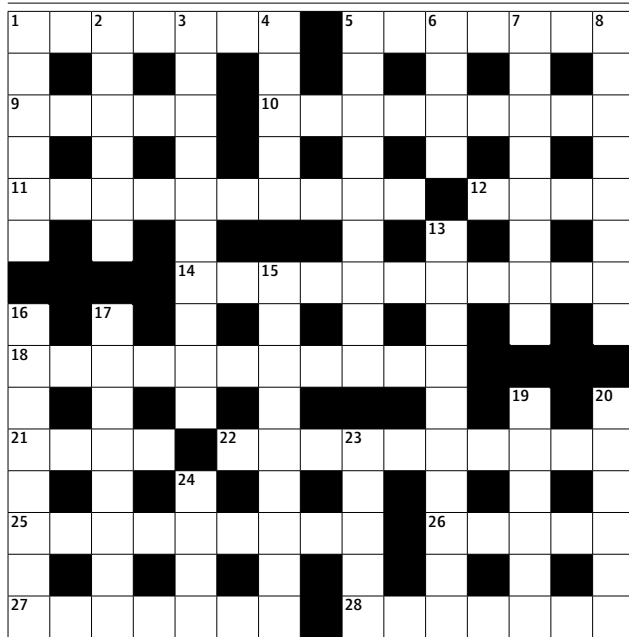


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Ship's described as hollow wreck, so cries loudly (7)
- 5 See 23
- 9 Bulb shining, one lit (5)
- 10 God squeezing armpit, nothing less, showing skill (9)
- 11 Greeting spoken thus, note, around France and Germany etc? On the contrary (6,4)
- 12,16 14 19 with this actress? (4,8)
- 14,19 Brandish weapon, boomerang that is, with adaptation of novel for film (11,2,4)
- 18 Penultimate from 14 19 serving as a means of defence (6,5)
- 21 Carrying no bricks? That's criminal! (4)
- 22 Very poor cryptic clue conceals new editor's initial boozing (10)
- 25 Part that hasn't caught rays, catching a fish (9)
- 26 Animal sounds like a cow with tail of horse (5)
- 27 Gave – or gave in? (7)
- 28 Reconditioned roller surprisingly dearer, agent finally admitted (7)

Down

- 1 Superior times under second peer (6)
- 2 See 23

- 3 Chinese food perhaps later brought up, therefore happy (6,4)
- 4 Went with Vicious before Balls (5)
- 5 Dog crossing river over a snapper (3,6)
- 6 Bird to catch, tail first (4)
- 7 Revolutionary and you in South African celebration of old (5,3)
- 8 Attention-seeker voiced song for play (3,5)
- 13 Driving restriction implied and set out (5,5)
- 15 Morning type not getting on with loopy character? (9)
- 16 See 12
- 17 A child seizing the day, seeing old fossil (8)
- 19 See 14
- 20 Top rule? (6)
- 23,5across,2 Posh neighbour, utter dope, moving (12,6)
- 24 Drink some welcome, a daiquiri (4)

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