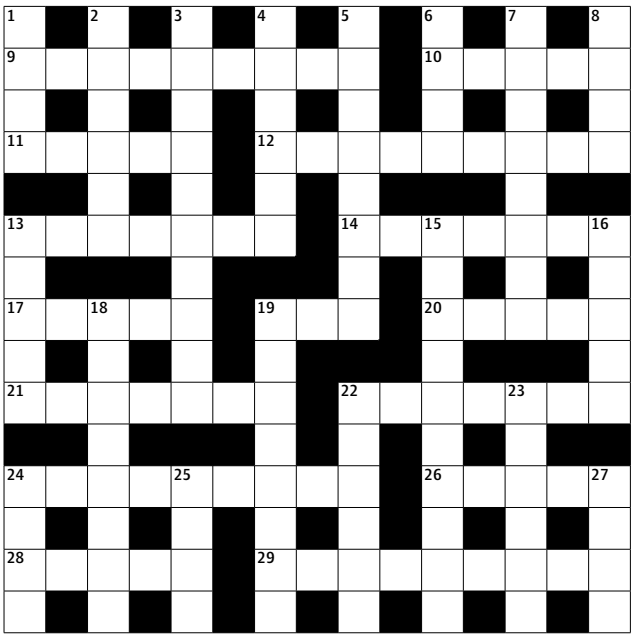
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

9 Be rough in breaking one who's close to you (9)
10 Awfully coy at heart, "Jane without a name" gets a name (5)
11 Turn with snake in the grass (5)
12 Confined section of the theatre gripped by Bottom (9)
13 Grant the ex-president less latitude stifling last vestige of democracy in America? (7)
14 See 24
17 A second city gets senior to cut beastly sound (5)
19 Book setter having day off (3)
20 Steadfast as a king changing sides at the start (5)
21 A tiny amount for meringue maker? (7)
22 Tough, having to accept gag cracking when run down (7)
24,14 Whitehall's "CID-proof" – or worse – corrupt source of rumours (9,2,5)
26 Contemptible sort of king interrupting Louis XIV, briefly (5)
28 A chief of police, breaking restriction, performed a caper (5)
29 Some think the Elgin Marbles were long involved with title (3-6)

Down

1 TV interference once broadcast goes over western tip of Norway (4)
2 Woe is me going round on reduced public transport (6)
3 With hot drinks, listen out for the largest fish (5,5)
4 Underwear? We may well have seconds (6)
5 Cure soft-spun sugar (8)
6 Open a ruler up (4)
7 Revolution Road's dedicated track (8)
8,24 Nose blocked, eyes streaming? In that case, wear a hat! (4,4)
13 Pushy string player's action, having finished with acknowledgement of applause? (2-3)
15 Supposedly released by burning local firewood, oxygen entering isn't freed (10)
16 US state accepted by Red Cross (5)
18 Entry to motorway displays "northbound alternative lager" publicity (4,4)
19 Moving jet-like over a road that's dry (8)
22 Trouble when Hardy grabs "smalls" (6)
23 Sharpness of mind very lacking in emptiness (6)
24 See 8
25 Trace a lover of Zeus, thanks (4)
27 Stock sum of money that may well be checked (4)

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