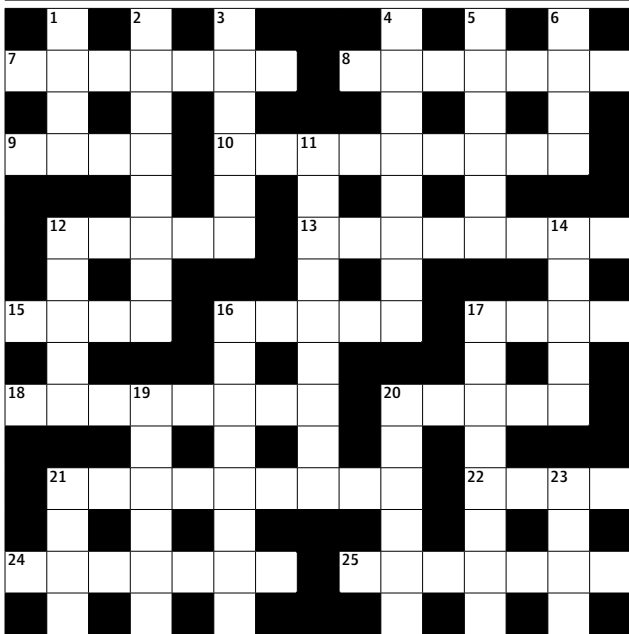


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,746 set by Crucible

Across

- 7 Virgin, perhaps Irish, wearing flared style (7)
 8 Bumper edition of "Latin for Everyone"? (7)
 9 Asian capital hasn't managed to progress (2,2)
 10,21 Hit by 2 and 16 across, new Pathfinder got lost crossing river (9,2,7)
 12 10 was boss on board (5)
 13 Line in religious writing by Hardy that's deleted another line (8)
 15 10s despot's scratching head (4)
 16 Pen name for Proust's hero (5)
 17 10's about right (4)
 18 Touching a female in Indian dress after game (2,6)
 20 Elizabeth Fry's nursing 10 (5)
 21 See 10
 22 Non-striker's first to finish 10s (4)
 24 Kit is able to enter "Come Dancing" (7)
 25 10 dashes round to collect papers (7)

Down

- 1 10 put up two million, ignoring banks (4)
 2 Leader of foreign country regularly rearms in battle zone (8)
 3 Joins Victorian 10s touring province (6)
 4 Avoid one in time for discharge (8)
 5 7 commanders pistol-whipped (6)
 6 10 set to cross Norway (4)
 11 A very quiet part of London's attractive (9)
 12 Lover was injured at home (5)
 14 Liberal's sad leader discarded 10 (5)
 16 10 understand a scheme's boring (8)
 17 County Clare ordered small 10s (8)
 19 Lincoln nearly escaped so-called 10 (6)
 20 Jazz pianist's ideal climbing shrub (6)
 21 An up-and-coming Cole Porter entertained 10 (4)
 23 Old 7 runs 10 (4)

Solution No. 25,745

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