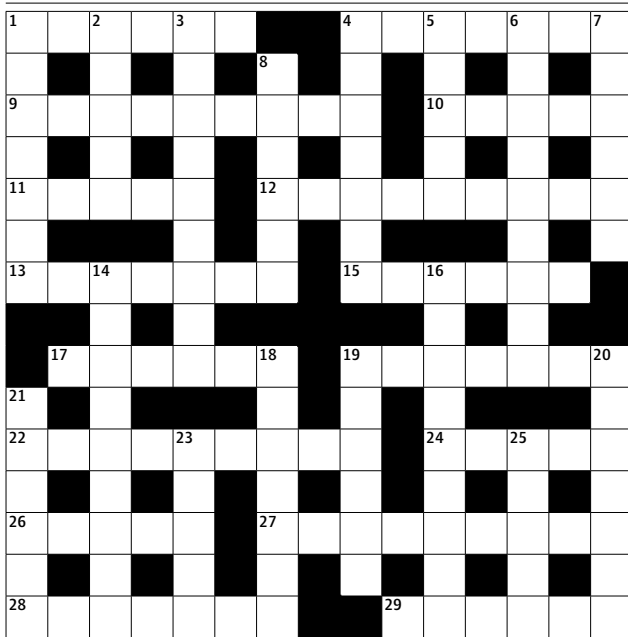


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,756 set by Arachne

Across

- 1 Strip club number (6)
- 4 Uproar as facilities limited by regressive cut (7)
- 9 Reprobate Wooster briefly in bosom of family (9)
- 10 Stuffed with chopped dates (5)
- 11 Front half of cat only – it has no bottom (5)
- 12 It may cause rash woman to pursue tippie (6,3)
- 13 Ace place to find fish fingers? (3,4)
- 15 He'd bib ale not primarily fit for consumption (6)
- 17 Dutch beauty queen? (6)
- 19 A bit tight-lipped about being responsible following overdraft (7)
- 22 No atropine used during surgery (9)
- 24 Prize setter, to many a sex god (5)
- 26 Italian cathedrals arouse odium (5)
- 27 Industrial and kind of foul (9)
- 28 Dull, hard, faceless men make female grouse (7)
- 29 Playboy stereotypically gobbling reputed aphrodisiac (6)
- 4 Byzantine Empire's assumption (7)
- 5 Catch girl brooding? (5)
- 6 Hate-filled violent riot during civil disorder (9)
- 7 Rudd's overnight flight? (3-3)
- 8 Hairy man's sanctimonious daughter (6)
- 14 Future wife belatedly beginning crash diet to fit into dress (5-2-2)
- 16 Around Christmas nurse's chaotic party ends in unseemly behaviour (9)
- 18 Beaten, Romney enters Senate (7)
- 19 Risk being regularly engulfed by tear gas (6)
- 20 Butter in fruit, reportedly (7)
- 21 Furious to find rat in fast food (3,3)
- 23 Scotsman kicking drug, becoming strict Protestant (5)
- 25 Picture books' decorative border (5)

Down

- 1 Poet's written about Flanders, heading off for post at sea (7)
- 2 Bulging belly with blocked tubes, it's said (5)
- 3 Early Europeans cast runes, when uncertain (9)

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