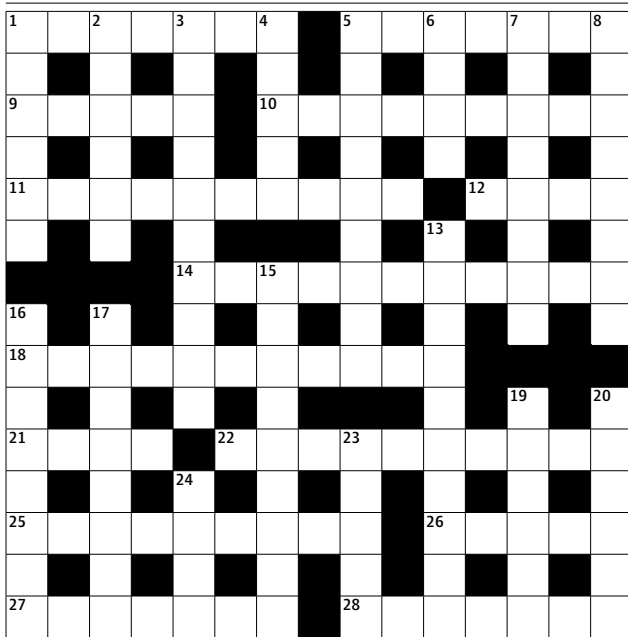


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Gun from the right American star (7)
5 Initially postmaster general goes back and forth for fish (7)
9 Gag expert (5)
10 Ideal song slipping by (9)
11 Room temperature in Burgundy ... (10)
12 ... wine required for tasting (4)
14 Large fake with small checks (11)
18 Girl boycotts stamps ... (5,6)
21 ... on 16 letters (4)
22 Providing enough for everybody to be buried (5,5)
25 False alarm? Let's be suspicious (5,1,3)
26 African expression of disapproval is retracted (5)
27 Thaw providing running water outside holiday home? (7)
28 Composer accepting very English port (2,5)

Down

- 1** Florid Milne character has caged bird lacking tail (6)
2 Split Indian state, oddly weary (2,4)
3 Very hard match can start in Oval (4,5-1)
4 Ace in commotion for part of flight (5)

- 5** Windy cities got wrapped up in themselves? (9)
6 Pins with 11 (4)
7 Skipping over the Alamo, say (8)
8 Least current not unknown when recollecting Tyne and Tees (8)
13 Without interruption? Only in exceptional circumstances (2,1,7)
15 Victorian singer not finished with vessel in old European capital (9)
16 Resurrected community centre cracked up (8)
17 Sailors from Cowes may be audacious (8)
19 Swedish king's air force supplied with Avro Vulcans, originally (6)
20 Extremely awkward, failing to get tips (6)
23 Wood that is abandoned somewhere in Africa (5)
24 Not finishing side dish (4)

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