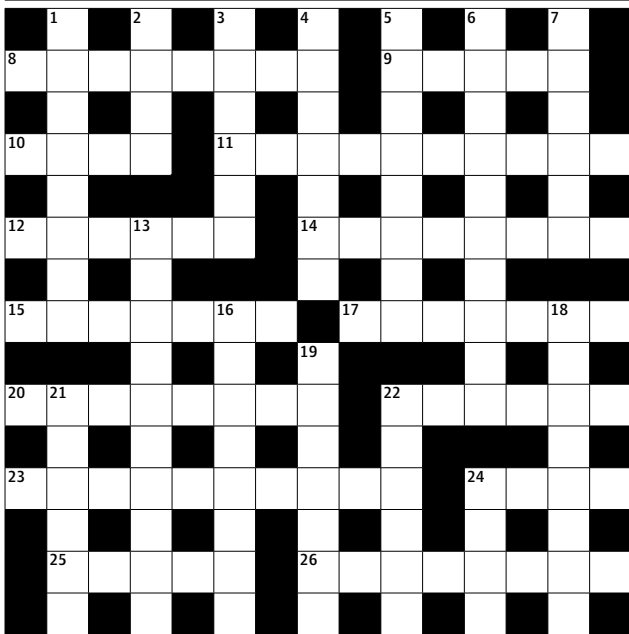


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,759 set by Paul

Across

- 8** See 24
9 See 24
10 See 11
11,10 Work of 15: among plays, others by him not entirely ambiguous (3,7,4)
12 Go by land, getting cold (6)
14 Is the bottle so courageous? (8)
15 One climbed clear as English author (7)
17 Einstein's old oath about butter somewhat lost (7)
20,26 5 a part rewritten with religious rite for 15's work (1,7,8)
22 Shine on beyond deadly sin (6)
23 Copy returned shortly, thrill getting hold of terribly sad work of 15 (6,4)
24,18,8,9 15's work, if a mermaid breaks off to introduce yarn from Richmond? (2,2,6,2,8,5)
25 Guillotine out to slice through vessel, sliced into pieces (3,2)
26 See 20

Down

- 1** Drug – figure drawing it in inhaling poisonous gas? (8)
2 A pleasing thing for Turkish generals (4)
3 Difficult as a hitch? (6)
4 Where China Sea becomes choppy in the wind (3,4)
5 Anticipating a comic, it having popular features inside (8)
6 Settle on leading celebrities for theatre (10)
7 Power of pulling, for certain? (1-5)
13 Bowler's dream, new balls caught in the slips (3,7)
16 Month after one thrown from vehicle, find wing in church (8)
18 See 24 across
19 Number of convictions proves contradictory, thief ultimately claimed (7)
21 Fish put in one's ear (6)
22 Juliet's heart and Lear's desire (6)
24 Story taking month, not a month less a day (4)

Solution No. 25,758

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