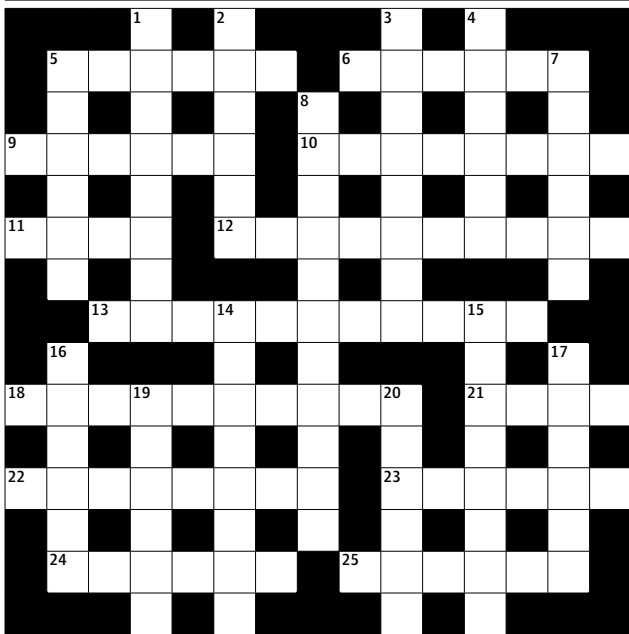


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 5 Work hard to get a new motto (6)
- 6 Garment is to hang loosely round boy (6)
- 9 Cry of pain stifled by eccentric dramatist (6)
- 10 Benefit provided except in Crosby (8)
- 11 Deer takes one for a ride (4)
- 12 Writes for politician producing dark tale (5,5)
- 13 One way to make underwear stretch (6-5)
- 18 Politician, soldier and landlord (10)
- 21 On reflection condemn low spirits (4)
- 22 Athlete gets evangelist ornamental mineral (4,4)
- 23 Wild and free in the capital (6)
- 24 Bacchante's crazy about another woman (6)
- 25 Raise the matter of British fish (6)

Down

- 1 Film director cut up an item of sports equipment (8)
- 2 Divine companion upset coddled creature (6)
- 3 Better form of gas meter (8)
- 4 Spoil lettuce that's planted (6)
- 5 Issue about drug that's exactly right (4,2)
- 7 Upper classes make good with admission (6)
- 8 Former pupil's only trace is out of date (11)
- 14 Happy accepting permit in Scotland (8)
- 15 A demonic form of entertainer (8)
- 16 Ambled unsteadily into pandemonium (6)
- 17 European's elegance (6)
- 19 In June Venetian weather is erratic (6)
- 20 Dicky Monroe is dead! (2,4)

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