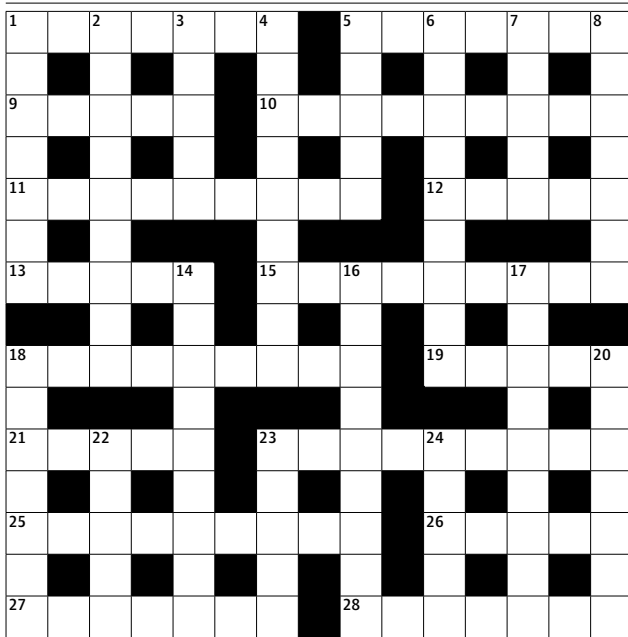


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,829 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Pray the treatment may do you good (7)
- 5 2-star rating – and you can't get lower than that (2,5)
- 9 Vehicle has nothing to be heard (5)
- 10 Sound source, or soundly peruse periodical (4,5)
- 11 Incontinent – angel contrived to achieve painlessness (9)
- 12 Pedagogues' league sample heartless crackers (5)
- 13 Free to give quarter after battle (5)
- 15 In receipt of money sixties' youth cause trouble (9)
- 18 Legal successor heard to gain from flying hazard (3,6)
- 19 House tenancy rejected – or alternative ... (5)
- 21 ... Russian place for censorship to contain smart student? (5)
- 23 Around Holland a number need character to make aware (9)
- 25 His plight could be a warning (9)
- 26 Naturalist puts end to middle, perhaps (5)
- 27 Over a month a prophet turns and goes back (7)
- 28 Long ago, unknown date or 26 (4,3)

Down

- 1 To follow without books can be hard work (7)
- 2 Try to be a detective inspector (9)

- 3 In the middle of some dream on Gove's plans (5)
- 4 Measure of the Met's credit? (9)
- 5 A near disaster in the Colosseum? (5)
- 6 Dryad gets Allen round number at speed (4,5)
- 7 Correct ceremonial voice (5)
- 8 Old photographic process can do the work of a secretary (7)
- 14 Do a gentle flip, when stretched (9)
- 16 Shake-up for least pacy condition? (9)
- 17 Having exhausted one's welcome, get injected but remain inside (9)
- 18 Being cornered made a lag run amok (7)
- 20 One space in penitential season is not too harsh (7)
- 22 Fabled king in charge – it stands to reason (5)
- 23 Those last shall be first – that's moral significance (5)
- 24 Morning publication raised character (5)

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