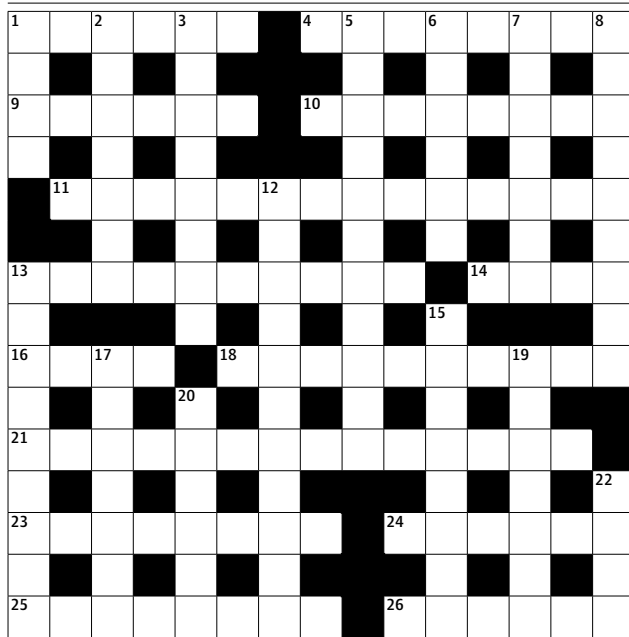


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,854 set by Arachne

## Across

- 1 Regime seeing annihilation of middle class as key again (6)
- 4 Prohibition of smacking's good and right (4-4)
- 9 Show electronic cable? (6)
- 10 Father Jack, perhaps, embraced by Anglicans, causing split (8)
- 11 Joe Bloggs entertains them in variety (3,2,3,6)
- 13 I'd a way to help poorer countries (7,3)
- 14 List some prime numbers (4)
- 16 He helps virgin to shed clothes (4)
- 18 It's very hard to bear Spooner's married lady friend (4,6)
- 21 Waste ground next to railway? It's increasingly profitable (6,8)
- 23 News broadcast shot at home (8)
- 24 Mature bulb regularly coming into flower (6)
- 25 Alienate Argentines, dropping in unexpectedly (8)
- 26 Heartlessly asking boy about potential source of misunderstanding (3,3)

## Down

- 1 Regretted vulgar sounds (4)
- 2 Might an East End trichologist treat this for nothing? (4,3)
- 3 Stop that manic panic about stuff! (4,2,2)
- 5 Generous – and inclined to be magnanimous (5-6)
- 6 Turns from small to big noise during escalation (6)
- 7 Unemotional principals in Faust were sacked (7)
- 8 Garbo doesn't have time to tease relative (5-4)
- 12 Pounding ingredients (11)
- 13 French-Belgian compromise, easily broken (9)
- 15 Engorged lower half of wildebeest upset another wildebeest (3-5)
- 17 Tiny amount of petrol mistakenly offered at under a dollar (7)
- 19 Getting dressed, kid goes over to Crosby (7)
- 20 Goddess later giving up booze? (6)
- 22 Ocean's water departed on a rising tide? (4)

Solution No. 25,853

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