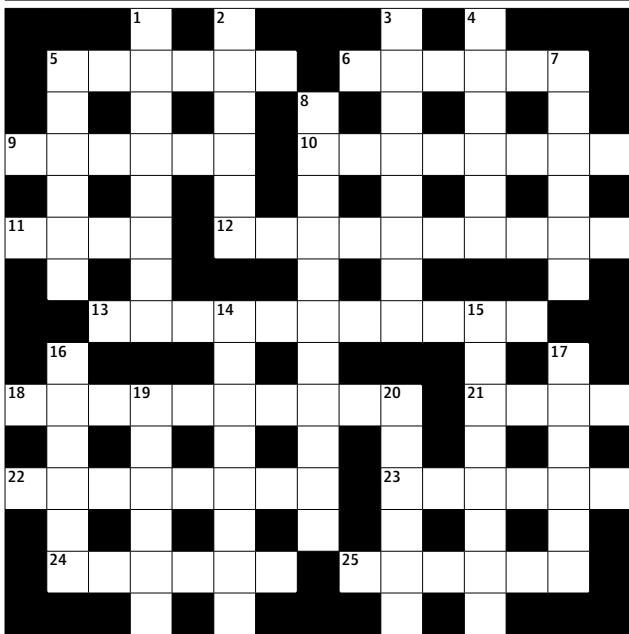


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,860 set by Brendan

## Across

- 5 Doing crosswords and so on? Not I – I'm a philosopher (6)
- 6 Take back ringleader, you heard, caught by English policeman (6)
- 9 Part of sentence, as separately entered in this, for example (6)
- 10 Asia trip arranged for 5 down in retirement (8)
- 11 Piece of clothing repeatedly featuring in detective's travestied investigation (4)
- 12 Simple – like copper, say (10)
- 13 Tries scheme that goes awry, resulting in lists of offences (5,6)
- 18 Old character in fictional case I caught on river with fish eggs (7,3)
- 21 5 down initially seen in connexion with American fraud (4)
- 22 Inspector quickly moves back inside sheltered position (8)
- 23 Prejudice wrongly treated as crime, mostly (6)
- 24 Oddly deficient clue thus confused investigator (6)
- 25 Landlady with a bank near Wall Street (6)

## Down

- 1 Kind of criminal, awfully bad, disrupted court (8)
- 2 Withdraw from some case, detective being extremely selective (6)
- 3 Boxer, possibly, was this dog (8)

- 4 Journey north twice broken by old private eye (6)
- 5 Consultant whose medical assistant chronicled his cases (6)
- 7 Hesitation among group of constables, mostly – three-pipe problems? (6)
- 8 Where, in London, dozens of tradesmen are generous? (5,6)
- 14 Notorious professor misrepresented Tory aim about part of basic education (8)
- 15 Part of legislature's act setting up exemplary legal process (4,4)
- 16 Information's provided about four – from which certain conclusions may be deduced (8)
- 17 Things scheduled, apart from hospital, for famous doctor (6)
- 19 Wrongfully take them in as killers (6)
- 20 Visibly unhappy after rejecting first reprimand (6)

## Solution No. 25,859

S	W	N	C	O	F	P	S
N	G	A	I	O	H	O	U
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