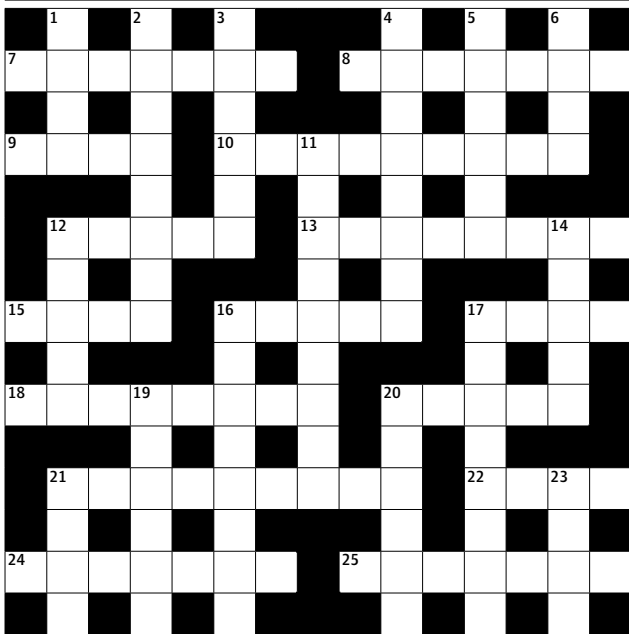


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,871 set by Boatman

## Across

- 7 Urn depicting Saint Valentine, the first one taken in by love in Latin verse (7)  
 8 Backing faux naïf about marriage vow (2,3,2)  
 9 Boy and sweetheart, in love (4)  
 10 Mark, notably a single, is desperate (9)  
 12 Old Labour leader could stay at home and capture lover's heart (5)  
 13 Regret repeat of a loss? (3,5)  
 15 Lacking warmth? To start, blame old style education (4)  
 16 See 21 down  
 17 Discover endless source of love (4)  
 18 Latin trios: trite playing around centre of Alzetto (8)  
 20,16down Modern British setting for Rodin's lovers in gentle symbol of love (5,2,3,3)  
 21 Old Jewish court and shrine rebuilt (9)  
 22 See 5  
 24 Change of heart for rotter, untouched by love (7)  
 25 A thousand singles make mouth music, like Rodin's lovers (7)

## Down

- 1 Take out a girl (4)  
 2 Overwhelm sweetheart after polite introduction (4,4)

- 3 Die for love without Boatman (4,2)  
 4 They take arms of trendy lover with taste (8)  
 5,22 Where to relax with (say) cohabitee/husband (6,4)  
 6 See 12  
 11 Boatman Rodin sculpted with Lego (9)  
 12,6 Run away in love, take up and stick to Boatman (9)  
 14 Crazy again – an endearment withheld (5)  
 16 See 20 Across  
 17 Honey, first and dearest, somehow put this behind you and go off safely (8)  
 19 What's the pinnacle of eaththern thought? (6)  
 20 Instructed to attack in tennis game (4,2)  
 21,16across Interest in obscene and difficult work about Latin writer (last in trilogy) (9)  
 23 Sound of animal from an empty pen? (4)

Solution No. 25,870

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