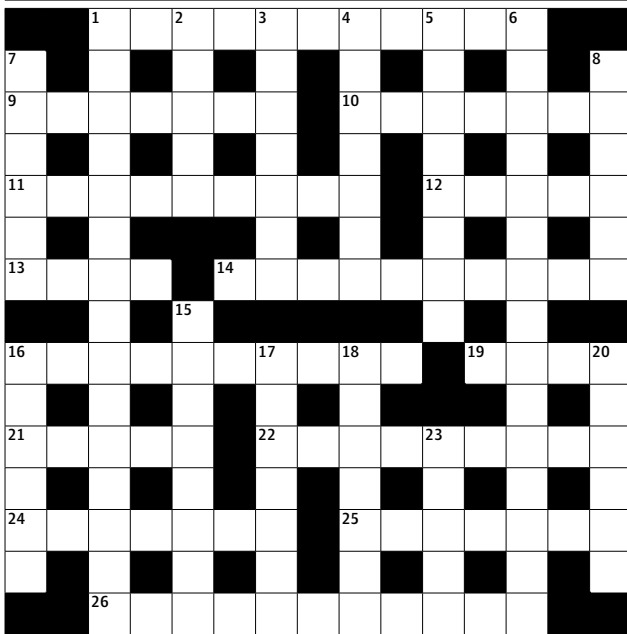


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,875 set by Tramp

## Across

- 1 Ad reads “Gold Blend – a very large one?” (5,6)
- 9 Either end of whisk beat on this? (7)
- 10 Give way to die – lung collapses (7)
- 11 Engineer nominates state (9)
- 12 Each can put away at home (3,2)
- 13 Flogged one stolen from firm (4)
- 14 I charge up front – way over £5 having dropped off fellow, perhaps? (4-6)
- 16 Pickled cucumber not hot in food sent back – here? (6,4)
- 19 Fusses round during commercial break (4)
- 21 More reserved insurance having had change of heart (5)
- 22 Artist in rock band with actor, having time for love (9)
- 24 Place tee in golf, rolling ball on green (7)
- 25 One with scales on part of bathroom floor, perhaps taking pressure (7)
- 26 In foyer, a chair – American diva’s reclining, is she? (6,5)

## Down

- 1 Fire control in kilns/pyres (terms change) (9,6)
- 2 Starbucks offering tiniest bit of tax – at the last minute admitting it (5)
- 3 Cream left with ordinary degree certificate (7)
- 4 Going up – a regular payment to support setter’s work in paper (7)
- 5 Device making regulars out of guards’ great army (8)
- 6 Order daily entries – vet’s record of weight against a standard (8,7)
- 7 Floods bogs (6)
- 8 Note voice during audition ... (6)
- 15 ... catch band getting more friendly (8)
- 16 Blood pressure sleeve primarily going round something cold here? (6)
- 17 Christian preaching lines at start of gospel in opposite halves of Luke and Mark (7)
- 18 Relating to 1984, say, Scargill’s men turning wrath on Conservative (7)
- 20 Place to sit for crossword solver? (6)
- 23 One tying top right (5)



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