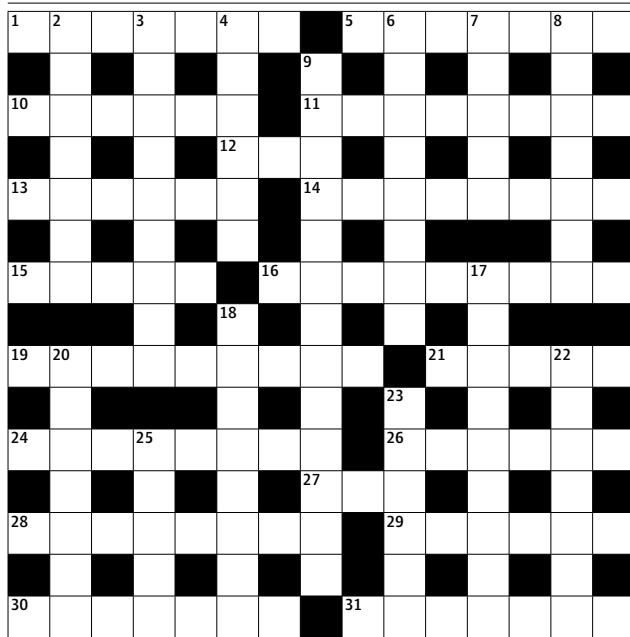


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,890 set by Arachne

Across

- 1 Times outed femme fatale as powerful woman (7)
- 5 Spellbound, fellows make soft sound (7)
- 10 Where to find 12 (and Arachne sousing herself in Scotch) (6)
- 11 Swelling with pride, putting company first (8)
- 12 Glutton stuffing epigastrium (3)
- 13 Vicar has drink and becomes more active (4,2)
- 14 Couple from London Road South, fashionable address for toffs (8)
- 15 Idiots appraise contracts (5)
- 16 Chewing caramels and beginning to think he's so clever (5,4)
- 19 County set berserk – berserk! – about contents of this (9)
- 21 Join Gutless Gussie in club (5)
- 24 Disorder in garden as immature pointer takes beast by ear (8)
- 26 Like to describe cereal as food for 12 (6)
- 27 Wrongly putting forty-nine before fifty? (3)
- 28 Offering freedom without hesitation (8)
- 29 Person finds relatives in sewer (6)
- 30 Tobey giggled (3-4)
- 31 Chain of florists (7)

Down

- 2 Emsworth resolved to avoid women and female relations (7)

- 3 Behind state investment in small part of Jersey? (4,5)
- 4 Dictator's rung for location of gulags (6)
- 6 Frosty embraces – and not for nothing (8)
- 7 Logs, or crocodiles? (5)
- 8 Catty predecessor of Benedict XVI? (7)
- 9 Amassing silver bars, in which African capital's invested (13)
- 17 Albert's cap found next to lion, dead annoyed and sounding stuffed (9)
- 18 PS This follows periodically (8)
- 20 Want to be topless and slippery (3-4)
- 22 Neat gin, skipping tonic (7)
- 23 Rocky capital of Panama (6)
- 25 Unmarried chap seen round entrance to Eastbourne lido? (5)

Solution No. 25,889

