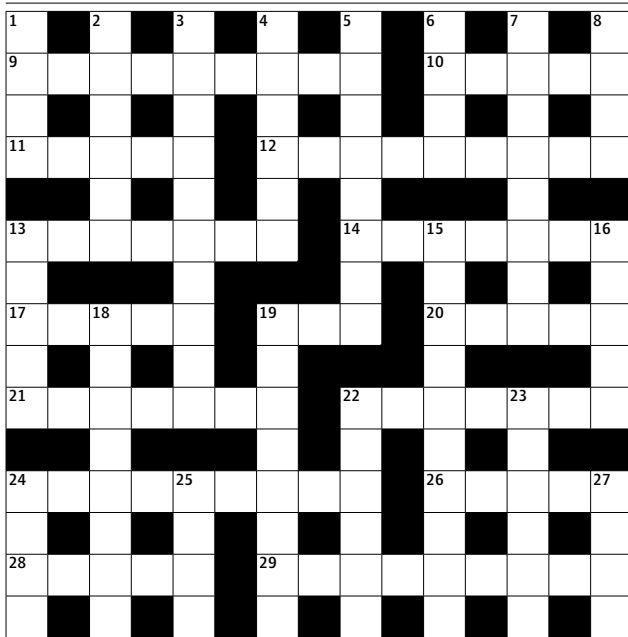


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,918 set by Brendan

Across

- 9 As dueller, perhaps, withdraw from sun's heat here (9)
 10 One of the relative gains acquired through union negotiations (2-3)
 11 Son was visibly moved, did some housework (5)
 12 Deals with crowds holding pacifist back (9)
 13 Everything we hear is ideal, but endlessly complicated (7)
 14 Detachment of soldiers holding clubs in card game (7)
 17 Role in Shakespearean comedy that's played by musician (5)
 19 What are the odds of Ulster creating employment? (3)
 20 Rib other leading player with no end of humour (5)
 21 Parts of all answers, some 13 across in some answers singularly found in 14 and 22 across (7)
 22 Group of similar creatures silly boy and I pet (7)
 24 Declining to have the electrical connexions put outside (9)
 26 Pressure moderate in old person's pulse (5)
 28 Measure covering energy capture (5)
 29 Snares fish in cod nets (9)

Down

- 1 Signals left out of things like this (4)
 2 Be upwardly mobile, since Conservative, on purpose (6)
 3 Extremely short child in part of course, like some classes in biology (10)

- 4 Main way to keep leaves from getting scattered (6)
 5 Disengage from seizure of power, with external order to get out (8)
 6 Members of colony, we hear, wind up in the Alps (4)
 7 Shots from short distance fail in sporting competitions (5-3)
 8 Old hand mostly has an outstanding score (4)
 13 Forging equipment villain dismantled after disposing of duplicates (5)
 15 Plant producing insane amount of beer (10)
 16 Guy taking drug after drinks (5)
 18 Excel in running, having ways to escape stumble (8)
 19 One's holding us up – that's inappropriate (8)
 22 Capital got constricted? (6)
 23 Birthday's ending soon, as it happens (6)
 24 Royal I spotted around is showing good judgment (4)
 25 Keeps watch on stern of frigate? That's right (4)
 27 No difficulty completing puzzle, kinda obvious and simple (4)

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