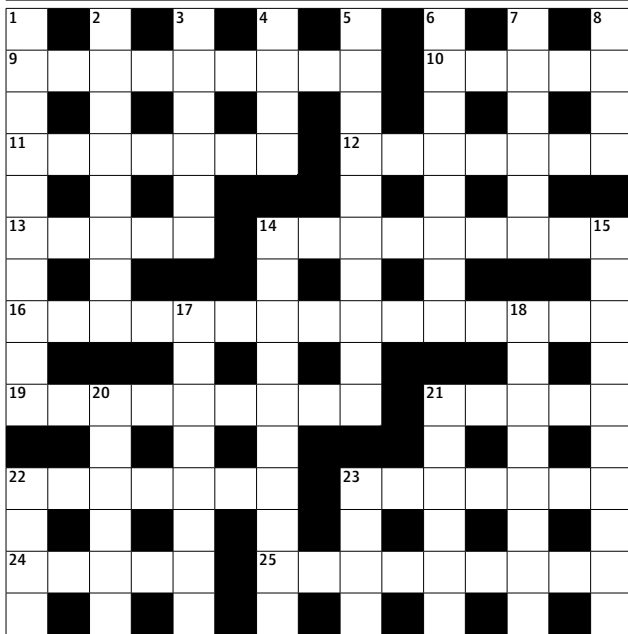


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,929 set by Pasquale

Across

- 9** Work in iron? It might have taken one to a Scottish forge (9)
10 Yes, drink is said to get very cold (3,2)
11 Two beasts that may get hot in the light (7)
12,20 What's excited a fan – one TV show's brilliant writer (3,4,2,4)
13 Put up or knock down, might you say? (5)
14 Propagandist's hard work, always penning article (9)
16 This ginger ale he brewed for a national organisation (7,8)
19 Solver's beginning to face setter's linguistic tricks in a duel? (9)
21 First hint of diddling – issue to make one resign (5)
22 Famous Dutchman's tots are backward (7)
23 Monster turning on a child with ruler? Not these days! (7)
24 Stirrer by and by must keep quiet (5)
25 In rally is talk off the cuff? (9)

Down

- 1** Clothes items? Girls wear 'em possibly, but not I! (3,7)
2 Mean deception in areas prone to flooding? (3-5)
3 Pilot's life's ending in ravine (6)
4 Regular features of the grim academic session (4)
5 Some of the stuff in W.H. Smith not shifting, reportedly (10)
6 Bookish types having some wine in Boston at lunchtime? (8)
7 Little bird in water twice (6)
8 Inhabitant of Madrid perhaps, not half cross (4)
14 Pedagogue thus restricts little children, only one left in charge (10)
15 Like old recording that sounds authentic, excessively so? (4-2-4)
17 Trendy theologian with rising reputation bound to be sought after (2,6)
18 After a jolly tea I start to rest in this? (8)
20 See 12
21 Persist as fiery character (6)
22 Language not all readers enjoy (4)
23 Hit – Engelbert's first record (4)

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