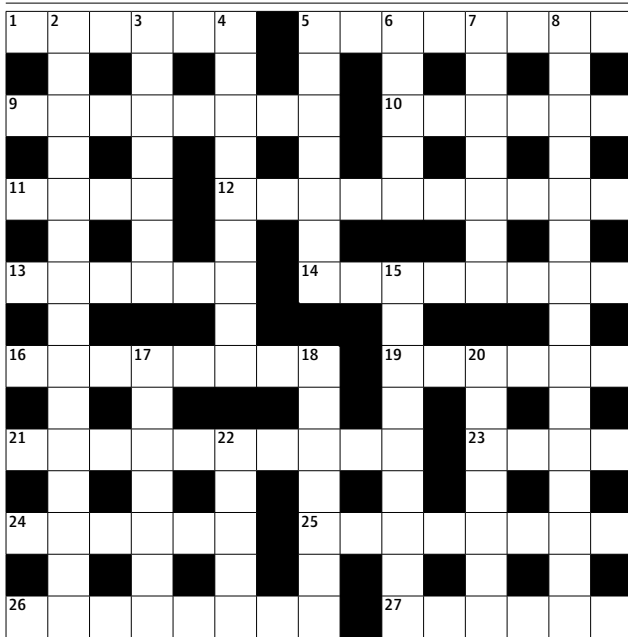


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 26 – and not bad (6)  
 5 One thing put on another, as brains turn into fruit (8)  
 9 26 only about part of bishopric (8)  
 10 Gold told of song at sunrise (6)  
 11 Kill flies? It sounds like hard work (4)  
 12 Make friends with bird eating French fruit? On the contrary (10)  
 13 Make-up artist using a chemical modifier (6)  
 14 Land of the revolution: I have lost my short-sightedness (8)  
 16 Scriptures prescribe slowdown in theatrical margins (8)  
 19 Attack on bill (6)  
 21 Bend connected with small piece (10)  
 23 Follower with story to tell (4)  
 24,6 26 sense with fishy sound (11)  
 25 Sun in ceiling? (8)  
 26 Golden record entered by new bishop (8)  
 27 Cheat American guy, inserting Spanish article (6)

## Down

- 2 Said to have acquired chopper when on

the rocks (Guardian's series) (3,3,5,4)

- 3 Give licking to setter with gun (7)  
 4 Devil at home possessed by glow-worms (9)  
 5 Say how old is 26 (7)  
 6 See 24  
 7 Icon smashed without prohibition by full judicial authority (2,5)  
 8 26 lingerie, say, with money I was effusive about (15)  
 15 26 East End journalist (9)  
 17 Obstructions to first of the parallelograms twisted at the top (7)  
 18 Accidents with liquid reported near Lindsey town (7)  
 20 Name kept by writer Diana for raised nest (7)  
 22 Conspirator sounded like a bad guy (5)

Solution No. 25,968

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