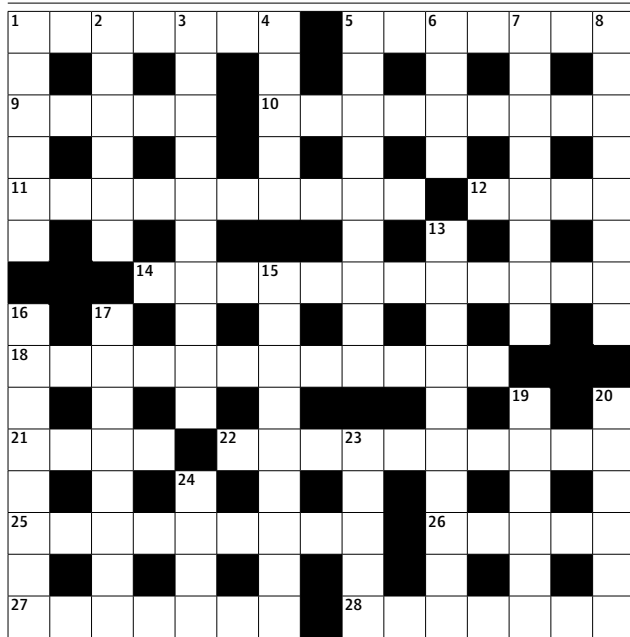


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,991 set by Pasquale

Across

- 1 Rob makes error, misprinting initial letter (7)
- 5 Illness got rid of, looking roseate (7)
- 9 Substitute, inferior, to make an appearance, we hear (5)
- 10 Female I reprimand is able to stand the heat (9)
- 11 Fish served with the French salad – as a rule it’s “gassy” (7,3)
- 12 Rank of golfer deemed “great”, not “good” (4)
- 14 What can define this? “Stored kit” can, possibly (5-2-5)
- 18 Those people by river mouth play (3,9)
- 21 Energetic type therefore cycles round (4)
- 22 A harem won’t excite me? (5-5)
- 25 See lady having little power to make speech dry up (9)
- 26 Person quietly pretentious (5)
- 27 Knowing about the market, showing quick-wittedness (7)
- 28 Country bumpkin, getting eg attention of Spooner (7)

Down

- 1 Keep an eye on river insects (6)
- 2 Old letter withdrawn, so ignored (6)
- 3 Relegation that’s left one in ruin (10)

- 4 Forest casualty – endless to-do after game (5)
- 5 Rule-keeper’s advice to shoppers in need of discipline? (9)
- 6 Superior politicians who enforce the rules? (4)
- 7 This person thrown out of home and chucked in gaol is troublemaker (8)
- 8 Yielded, being put off (8)
- 13 Pretty sash swirls around in dance (10)
- 15 Firm cautious about idiot that is certainly no high-flyer (9)
- 16 Equine disease is astonishing (8)
- 17 Rum dream dissipating over time (8)
- 19 Writer’s hard English (6)
- 20 Year immersed in deadly sin became less colourful (6)
- 23 Beth follows this leading character (5)
- 24 Old chemist offering something to put on foot (4)

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