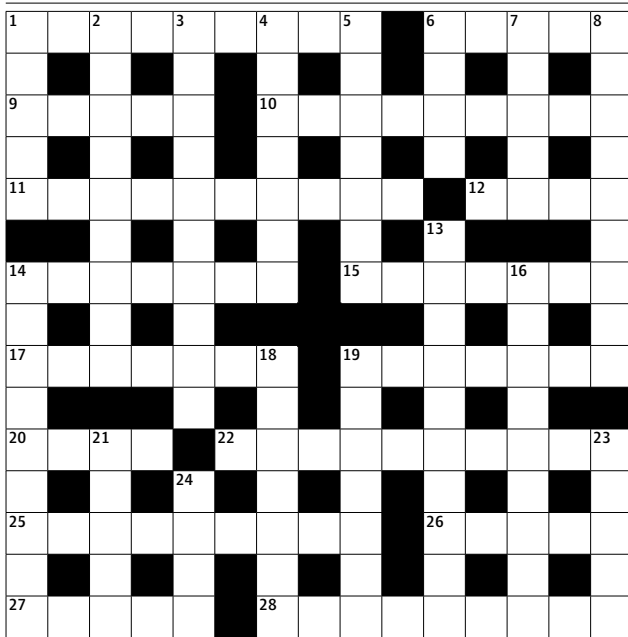


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,998 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Fond about boozier lacking form? (9)
- 6 Important person died after arrest (5)
- 9 One-time premier rank (5)
- 10 Cab turned colour – setter's getting stuffed (9)
- 11 Girl keeps city memory of bringing back past characters (10)
- 12 It must be 19 across to work and 6 down is without it (4)
- 14 When across the street it may need to be wet (7)
- 15 Faculty of moral sense lacking study? (7)
- 17 English learnt to translate, but not in time (7)
- 19 Committed to complete wearing a glove (7)
- 20 Direction to top brute ... (4)
- 22 ... in opposite region (10)
- 25 Growth of scheme to be French and English (5,4)
- 26 Dutch leader left crumbling city (5)
- 27 She's not quite like other women (5)
- 28 River shellfish the European finds very poor indeed (9)

Down

- 1 Government partly includes having to read minutes (5)
- 2 Aim for the thing Gordius has? (9)
- 3 Claiming to make the sound of a hooter or small bell? (10)

- 4 It's atrocious to urge a revolt (7)
- 5 Hitler's bodyguard held rigorous bodily pleasures (3,4)
- 6 Lacking cover, but not altogether underdressed (4)
- 7 Put up with nothing short of Asian island (5)
- 8 Male that might be 19 across (9)
- 13 One to call boss? (10)
- 14 At which point turned up here and now? (9)
- 16 Cavalier heard with blunt weapon at social centre (5,4)
- 18 Alfalfa's fortune curtailed by an eagle (7)
- 19 Impressive story editor started to edit as a funeral ode (7)
- 21 Told to watch one's step? (5)
- 23 Partly full, it retains a quantity of liquid (5)
- 24 5 years old, about to become a star! (4)

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