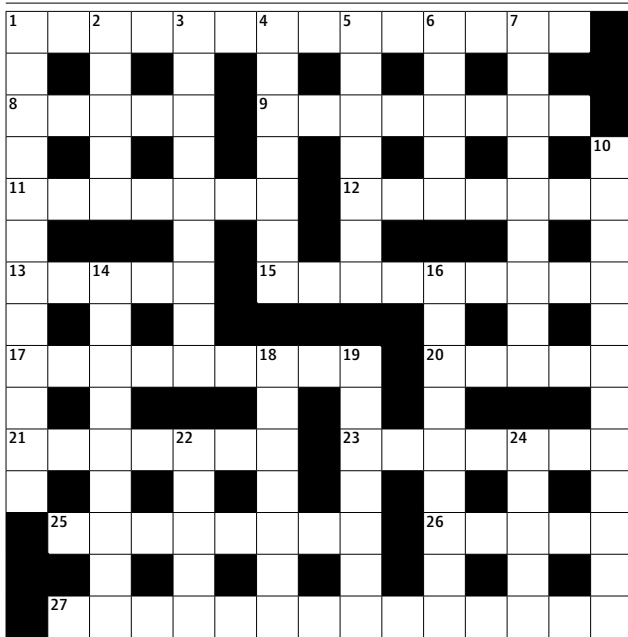


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Relating to written work, American cutting production of Tristan and Isolde (14)
- 8 Copper, British, in charge of the third degree (5)
- 9 Passage to hypnotise (8)
- 11 Drink, at home, one after Meistersinger's main character protects mastery (7)
- 12 See 23
- 13 See 4
- 15 Sponsor of baptism, head and priest are not capturing day (9)
- 17 Plant short arrow over on Strongbow's left during advert (6,3)
- 20 Unseats ordinary American, way back (5)
- 21 In file, part of script to Pixar film (director's cut) (5,2)
- 23,12 Part from old TV broadcast of Bayreuth act incorporating poem (7-3,4)
- 25 See 4
- 26 In the morning, Number 10's Labour surgery? (5)
- 27 Initially, dead rude: Ben Elton cracks English line about sex? (6,8)

Down

- 1 Gloomy supporting party, Green politician: "Cuts can be broken down" (12)
- 2 Dry tears shed by one, half-heartedly? (5)
- 3 Mathematician's set up hint – left concept on back of publication (9)
- 4,13,25 Stirring Lohengrin tune – fight encom-

passes live masterpiece (3,4,2,3,8)

- 5 Guided the unholy Tannhäuser on Rome expedition – devastated, primarily (7)
- 6 Adding change to Ring for female part (5)
- 7 US equips air conditioning – cold son grabs remote (9)
- 10 Cryptic setter's not getting love tablet: something for sex drive? (12)
- 14 Director and topless celebrity against denial (9)
- 16 U-turn on side (5-4)
- 18 Delight of artist with start of Parsifal – prelude not over (7)
- 19 Figure caught in The Flying Dutchman – doomed Senta (soprano) ultimately going off (7)
- 22 Daughter to pass water bottle's top for Yankee nerd (5)
- 24 Had one drawn with parts (5)

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