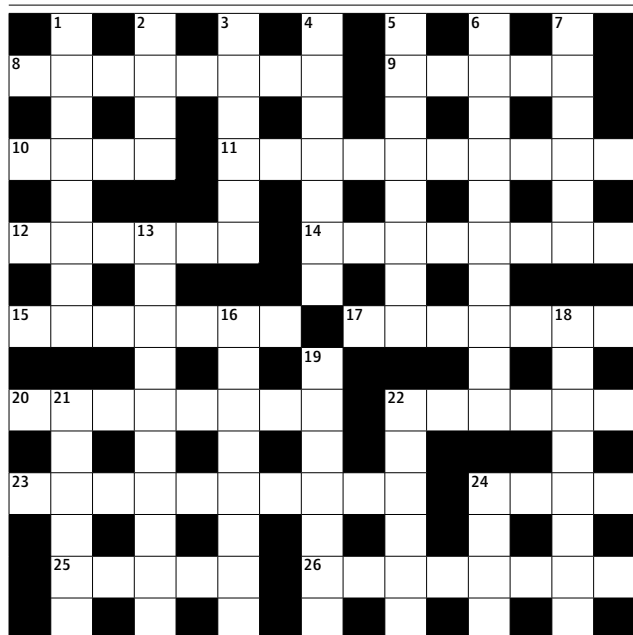


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8 Kitchen utensil, surprisingly, isn't rare (8)
 9 Plunder is common around Leatherhead (5)
 10 Diplomat about to get present (4)
 11 Antagonism in workplace? (10)
 12 Dupe a couple of boys (6)
 14 Plan case differently? That's held in the balance (5,3)
 15 Meddle, in time getting offensive (7)
 17 Flee? Never! (3,4)
 20 Emperor backed morning scripture lessons in India ... (8)
 22 ... likewise relatives in India (2,4)
 23 Get out jewellery for outdoor pursuit (10)
 24 Spoils of war (4)
 25 European turns to Spain for escape (5)
 26 Impartial trade union meets a Labour leader after a time (8)

Down

- 1 Attic in which Anita foolishly keeps bird (8)
 2 Fellow put away for tune (4)
 3 Playing well? Keep posted! (6)

- 4 Invite work in plain language (7)
 5 Groom has season in eventing ... (8)
 6 ... having started under a misapprehension (3,3,4)
 7 Read of sloppy hat (6)
 13 One ending a period in a degenerate uprising (10)
 16 Managed without fur that's rendered unserviceable (8)
 18 Operatic heroine hides in a barrel? Strange! (8)
 19 Student has little support when bad weather intervenes (7)
 21 Intelligence services see note that's taken from a dupe (6)
 22 Singer disturbed painter (6)
 24 Came across Zionist leader in France (4)

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