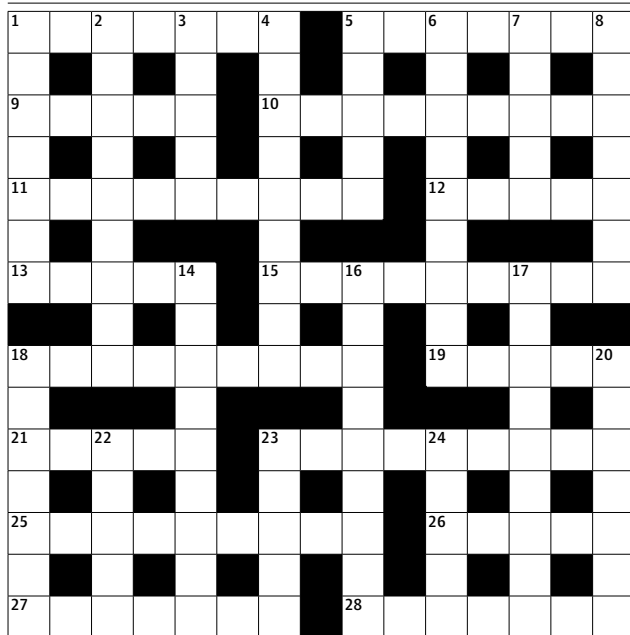


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1,5,10,23,25,15** Number of words from Marx, as revolutionary duo iffy – habitual adulation and dubious mythologies died away (2,1,4,3,3,1,9,4,5,3,4,2,7,2)
- 9** Puzzle solver? (5)
- 10** See 1
- 11** Midas-touched fruit ending in bin, being made of metal? (9)
- 12** Queen, perhaps, but one's straight (5)
- 13** Lofty soak (5)
- 15** See 1
- 18** God requires name for the shape in some states (9)
- 19** Treetop home – why in lake? (5)
- 21** One's dying to execute politician (5)
- 23** See 1
- 25** See 1
- 26** Green ball, then the brown one of the three? (5)
- 27** Seed, contents of which dispersed in rupture (7)
- 28** 18 down worms so? (7)

## Down

- 1** Raids – and no mistake! (7)
- 2** Hotel admitting stay affected, neither here nor there (2-7)
- 3** A considerable portion served up for tea (5)
- 4** Month without coin then 'arsh for buyer (5,4)

- 5** Long thread binding feline's tail (5)
- 6** Truncate difficult European statement (9)
- 7** Right abandoning summit, as hellish (5)
- 8** Free, on the whole (2,5)
- 14** Royal characters among Englishmen abroad in places of leisure (9)
- 16** Unreliable point in material brought up to support article (9)
- 17** Turn out risqué, somewhat blue? (9)
- 18** Pastry observed as wasted (3-4)
- 20** Incessant? (7)
- 22** Black plant in bushes (5)
- 23** Shift bird, half gone (5)
- 24** Out of keeping, Norwegian uprising (5)

Solution No. 26,112

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