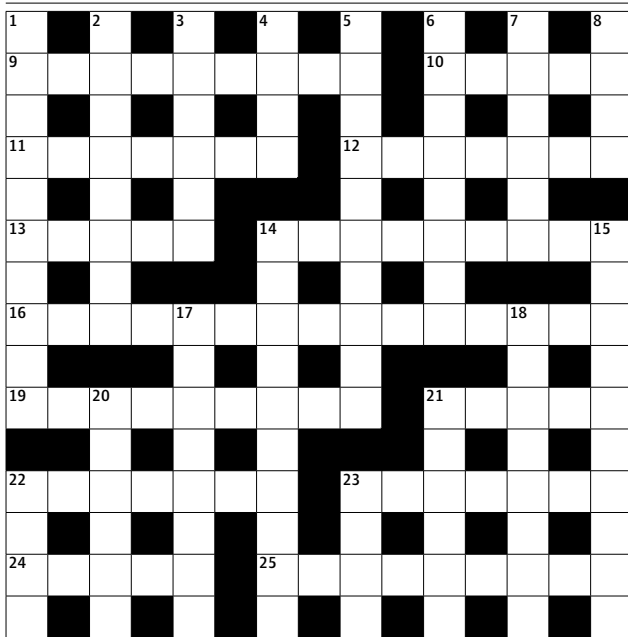


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,116 set by Crucible

Across

- 9** Bury's outstanding player shouted "Referee!" (9)
10 Tennyson's first crude poem kept by maestro (5)
11 Took on old English, swapping parts (7)
12 See 22 down
13 Court service admitted trickery (5)
14 Plug new gold bed till thoroughly sick of it (2,7)
16 Men Only issues cover playing field, 22 down's one of them (5,10)
19 Insurance for theatrical feats spanning river? (6,3)
21 Sage in 5 Hindu borders (5)
22 Bent front off charm (7)
23 See 22 down
24 Radio Nicosia's dialect? (5)
25 Was very camp redcoat sacked about a quarter past five? (9)

- 6** Begin to take drugs regularly for that dreamy feeling (8)
7 A short distance to river wall (6)
8 See 4
14 One line transformed into a complex Brechtian effect (10)
15 When queens made out in disguise? (10)
17 Cast of ten performed this in Paris foyer (8)
18 Old big-chested guys' backstreet scraps (8)
20 Federer starts serving well opposite (6)
21 High-spirited doctor, one who 25 in hospital? (6)
22,12,23across Lacking love, baby due to expire, Ursa involved – best known of 16? (4,7,2,1,4)
23 Last platform that's retained by its former operating company (4)

Down

- 1** Dilemma: director in Tesco's fiddled overheads (5,5)
2 Such blemishes are unusual for a magistrate (8)
3 Cargo avoiding Spain for a start (6)
4,8 One of 16 useless people (8)
5 Low needs winds and time to cross Atlantic (10)

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