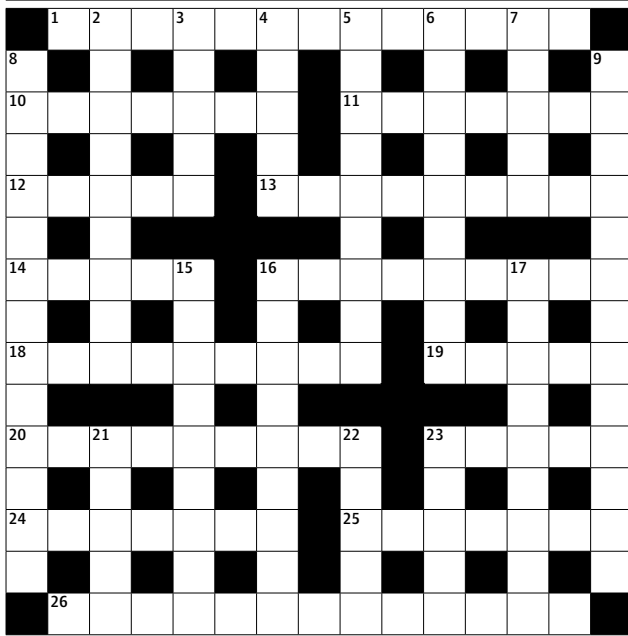


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,130 set by Puck

Across

- 1 Fruit is dear – women led off ... (8,5)
- 10 ... to shop around, with little time for critical remark (7)
- 11 Hotel in Canning person finds less gross (7)
- 12 Small girl nearly returned fruit (5)
- 13 Second XI has one chap that's good for an evening out (5,4)
- 14 Bother reaching last of tomato sauce (5)
- 16 Like PDFs, can be speedily run off first? (9)
- 18 The answer when fish swallows snake? Making a run for it (9)
- 19 Arrived and left in a biplane (5)
- 20 Function without garden implements – hard thing for 8 part 2 to accomplish? (9)
- 23 Jars of fruit (5)
- 24 Address for Turkish man, if prime of figs need re-ordering (7)
- 25 One setter's into fruit! (7)
- 26 A number down fruit squash, ultimately getting sick (9,4)

Down

- 2 Making pie, I'd most bananas made best use of (9)
- 3 Spirit found in a set sweet hospital provides (5)
- 4 Sees fruit cooked instead? (5)
- 5 Dying to be thin, I grew monstrously (9)
- 6 Cryptic crossword started after setter drinks gin served up at lunch-time (9)
- 7 One who has oranges with "navels", eaten regularly for starters (5)
- 8 Parish people annoyed about Liberal toady (5,8)
- 9 What some brides wear, fixed on large bosoms (6,7)
- 15 Order is one half-quince? Respect! (9)
- 16 Like 19 and 23, eating it with 4 is uncivilised (9)
- 17 It'd be a big surprise, dropping this stunning woman (9)
- 21 Waste a bit of fruit loaf, sadly (5)
- 22 One rousing game sees opener dismissed for 8 part 1? If so, it could be Jonathan (5)
- 23 Farm producing a batch of Andorran cherries (5)

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