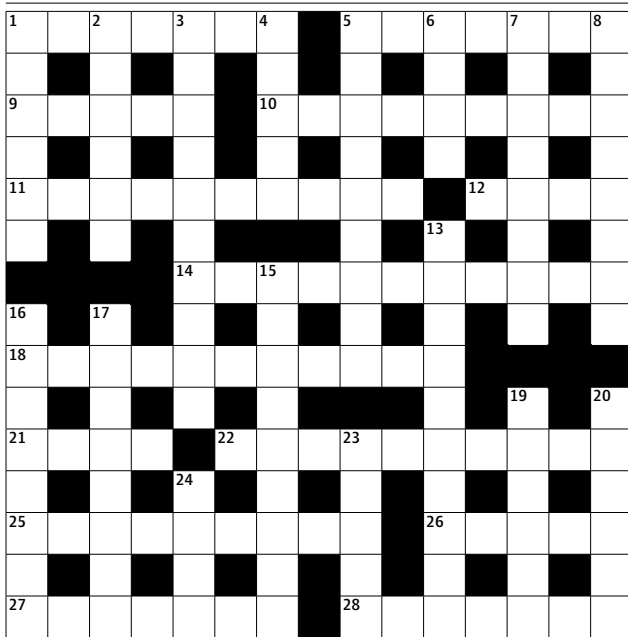


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,188 set by Crucible

Across

- 1 Kit's tungsten with-drawn, following cut by Spain (7)
- 5 10 left baffling sign (7)
- 9 Old official leading ladies, first one retired (5)
- 10 Will (early version) speaks vaguely about burying Henry (9)
- 11 The brazil nuts run out in middle of seeing 10's patron (9,1)
- 12 Swimmer's objective? A girl's love (4)
- 14 End of dentist's drill left in a state, 1 across's 12 (11)
- 18 Lacking honesty, popular bank's taken over because ... (11)
- 21 ... 5 down limited a little stable liquidity (4)
- 22 Firm undertaking restricts money settlement (10)
- 25 Fanatic to survive bracing term at sea (9)
- 26 Leg gets a wound (5)
- 27 Embarrassed dealing with Sunday school compensation (7)
- 28 I seem torn between extremes – it's my undoing (7)

Down

- 1 Take out and beat up 11 (6)
- 2 Butcher tried investing euros to make more trimmings (2-4)
- 3 Duck certain to go bad in very good style of ham (10)

- 4 Be certain to avoid river and come to pass (5)
- 5 Theatre cast helps you pack in audience at the start (9)
- 6 5 down went up (4)
- 7 Ditzzy Essex girl hands out drug first for analysis (8)
- 8 Two and three, possibly 11 penned here (3,5)
- 13 Coppers seize set and very large amount of fake curtains (4,6)
- 15 Recall study analysing income in so-called store (9)
- 16 Relatives' regal reforms in 10's work (4,4)
- 17 Display set and decor under guard (8)
- 19 Airport area overlooks a royal 1 across and 10? (6)
- 20 5 dances about, carousing (6)
- 23 26 down, up (3,2)
- 24 A selection of the best evergreen shrubs (4)

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