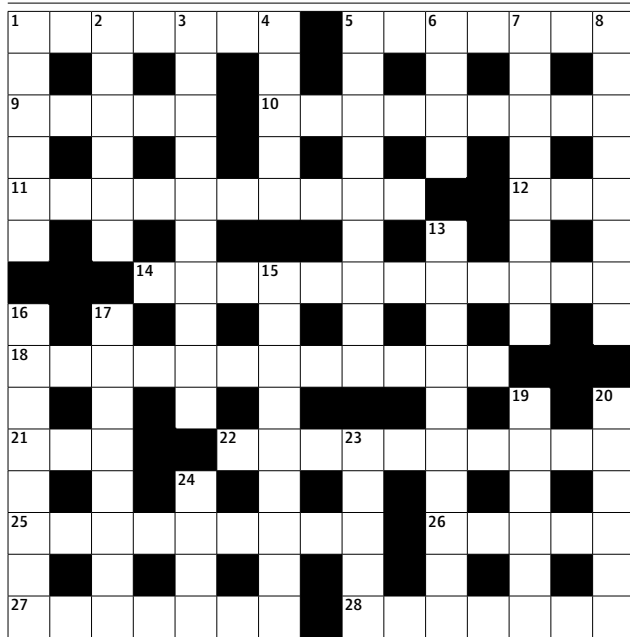


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,211 set by Arachne

Across

- 1 Juggling trick, extremely skilful 8 (7)
- 5 Two women refused to grow up and wed as ordered (7)
- 9 Time loosely constituting something incomplete (5)
- 10 It's used in building 8 (3-2-4)
- 11 Urge parent to circulate exciting book (4-6)
- 12 Seconds of pie and onions in pub (3)
- 14 Colour of cat pee, formerly (8,4)
- 18 It's treated by gastroenterologists, strangely, not opticians (12)
- 21 Be indebted to nameless Welshman (3)
- 22 Travel round African country, northeastern gem (10)
- 25 To show pain is hard and a bit cowardly (9)
- 26 Still upset (but not very) (5)
- 27 Told police about male meeting bishop for affair (7)
- 28 Female entering, cause of misery (7)

Down

- 1 Starts to surprise indolent mates with exercises (3-3)
- 2 Spray a green bug on a large scale (6)
- 3 Give up crime in Oz, reportedly, and wield pen anonymously (10)

- 4 Coach knocking back rough alcohol half-heartedly (5)
- 5 Surveyor finally finding excuse to stop (9)
- 6 Stone axes one cut in advance (4)
- 7 Professional lady accepting kiss with a lot of tongue (8)
- 8 Ditheringly dredge – and mostly in the wrong place (8)
- 13 Keen on people chanting (10)
- 15 What if drinking carries no risks, ultimately? (9)
- 16 Malcontent may scorn Oxfam, Unicef etc (8)
- 17 Be behind subordinate's false statement (8)
- 19 Couple adopting European design style (2-4)
- 20 Livingstone perhaps keeping newt in lounge (6)
- 23 It's essential to cure habit (5)
- 24 Letter to Socrates written up in patois (4)

Solution No. 26,210

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