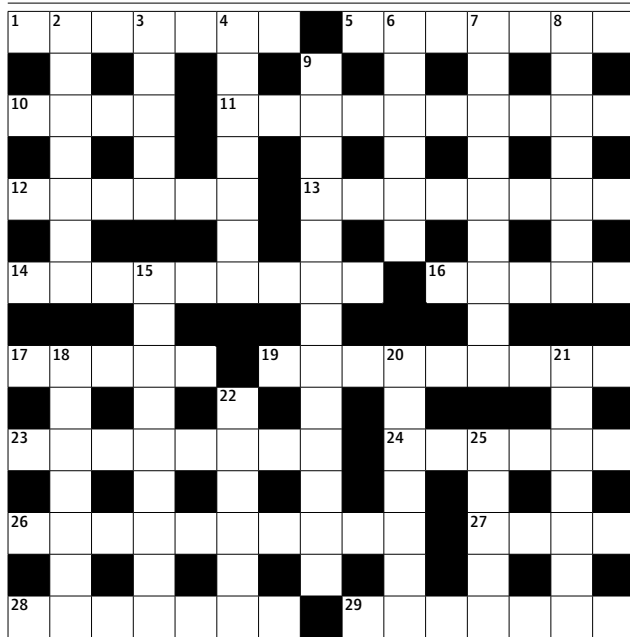


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,218 set by Shed

Across

- 1 Like, essentially, to spread malicious rumours (7)
- 5 Vie for domestic income? (7)
- 10 Member taking nothing from nowhere (4)
- 11 Something dentist may have to do with lineage (10)
- 12 Repeat usual rubbish (6)
- 13 A friend in America with endless addiction to emirate (3,5)
- 14 Member of clergy apprehending fairy inverted in mirror (9)
- 16 Stick to game (5)
- 17 Introduction to Strange Fruitcake? (5)
- 19 Sellers, turning round recreational area, left fire extinguisher (9)
- 23 French paper absorbing a drink (8)
- 24 Left to replace inner parts of Tchaikovsky score (6)
- 26 Piano music Nero performed in front of stage (10)
- 27 Debate quelling monarch's fever (4)
- 28 Food and drink obtained from catering establishment (7)
- 29 Compound of steel, sulphur and oxygen creating problem for horse (7)

Down

- 2 Edible fungus – upset after eating it? (7)

- 3 Last vestige of topped limb (5)
- 4 Thomas the Tank, perhaps, cradling Controller's head (7)
- 6 Pop a question that's not entirely obscure (6)
- 7 Collage of meat-eating vigilantes, top to toe (9)
- 8 Blue or turquoise top causing ruction (7)
- 9 Port drunk with chasers -- it gets you very high (13)
- 15 Crustacean to depose government before entering thoroughfare (9)
- 18 V-sign scrawled on her CV (7)
- 20 Wrung this headless bird's neck (7)
- 21 Put out electronic message, not initially vulgar (7)
- 22 Progenitor's yearly charge (6)
- 25 Wipe out head of regiment in comfort (5)

Solution No. 26,217

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