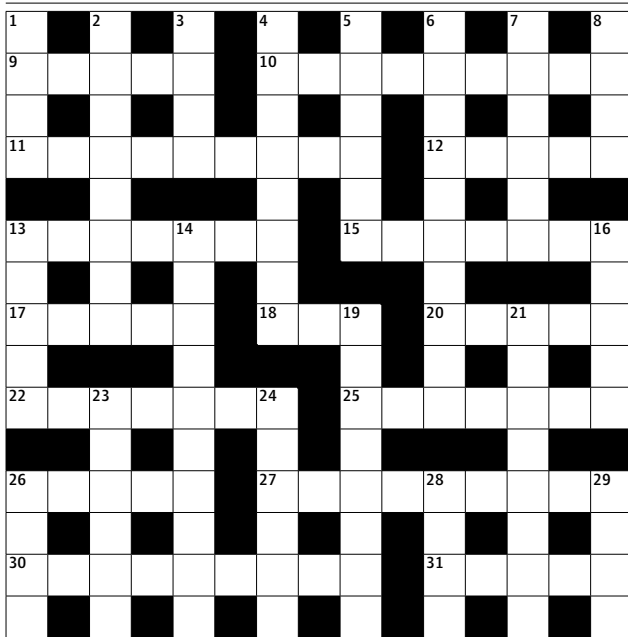


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,314 set by Boatman

Across

- 9** Excessively fast bowler perhaps takes Surrey opener with closing volley? (5)
10 Infirmary deteriorating till cure inside hospital (3,6)
11 Punch with energy and speed – perhaps you'll walk over this? (6,3)
12 Last words betray empty jealousy (5)
13 Food for missing links and throwbacks? (4,3)
15 Native solver is speaking in Zulu region (7)
17 Having got up fast, I ran to look inside (5)
18 Bust of Edmund I, oddly effaced (3)
20 Endless show of warmth: hasten round to shelter from the cold (5)
22 Slightly more than three francs taken in high peril (7)
25 Cheat to win golf in last round by one point (7)
26 Worker, really gutted, gets drunk (5)
27 Sickly sundae gobbled, devoured, made sick (9)
30 Clue to gasp about: Boatman creates vintage surface treatment (4,5)
31 Quicksand! Sense foot being caught (5)

Down

- 1** A little radioactive matter in contact with the molecular constituents of water: whoops! (2-2)
2 Kind of rhyming, as "kid set on insect" (8)

- 3** A kind face? (4)
4 Failed to manage dire slum reform (8)
5 Motto, not "quick on the draw", say? (6)
6 Train speed pathetically slow? (10)
7 Be quick to get into alternative musical (6)
8 Boatman's way of hailing Araucaria: his leading place a towering old man here (4)
13 Quicksand of sorts? (5)
14 Primate of Europe: "Pray with Arab; be daring" (7,3)
16 Fast, not fast (5)
19 Runs away from deadly duel fast (8)
21 Force one to falsify rent in report (5,3)
23 Boot option to raise speed (6)
24 Almost sick after fast food for vegetarians (6)
26 Speed zone (4)
28 Miss start in haste to get back to front in Asia (4)
29 Could be 01/12, 02/03, 03/10, 04/11! (4)

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