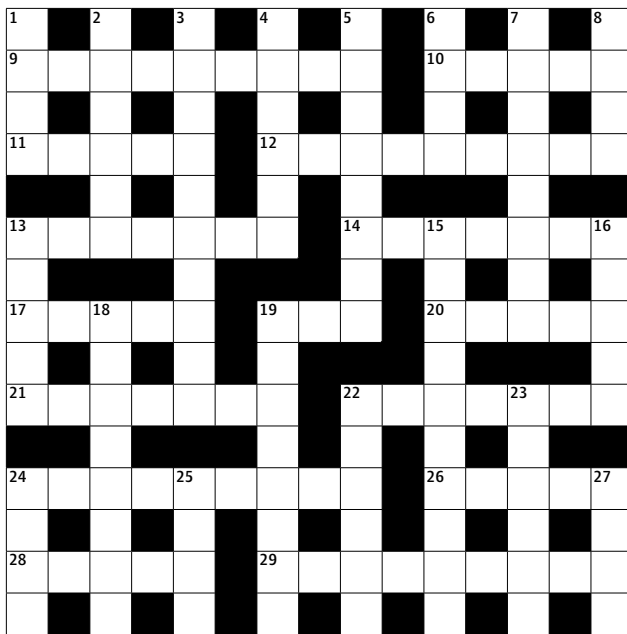


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Company for pitmen's frisky 6 11 (9)
10 In Harare, natural amphitheatre perhaps (5)
11 Drug mule's mother (5)
12 The stale and overfamiliar 22 across on Revolutionary Road (9)
13 Singer misbehaves – soprano quits (7)
14 Land engulfed in tsunami, biannually (7)
17 Topless vicar? That's flaming wrong! (5)
19 Go off recipe books (3)
20 Early riser takes turn protecting a village in Africa (5)
21 Songbirds with time for explosive lunges (7)
22 British 11 12 game – caught out those at it (7)
24 Dish thrown out as lost cause? (9)
26 Group has second number one hit, finally (5)
28 Initially, little young Einstein looked like a Victorian geologist (5)
29 Perhaps make an anagram out of the bottom row? (9)

Down

- 1** My attempt to keep quiet (4)
2 High-flyer is circling around Rugby (6)
3 Put off toilet cleaners (10)
4 Library books stored here? Loads! (6)
5 Cob (small 11), one unknown to the Spanish teachers (8)

- 6** Barrow by rail, shortly to return (4)
7 Exercise with Greek character (doctor) and artist (one of the Shadows) (8)
8 Voice in Bottom's head – where did it come from? (4)
13 Pan right next to oven (5)
15 Confirming 11 is outside college at university (6,4)
16 Finally reduced map collection (5)
18 Under pressure to serve up 26s (8)
19 Leaves, perhaps, as neat movers also lower knickers for the audience (8)
22 Cricketer that's second out – Wayne, the night watchman? (6)
23 Flower given to a French model as they leave the stage (6)
24 Capital of Czechoslovakia (not new or very fresh) (4)
25 Capital of Czechoslovakia (this one's also not new or very fresh!) (4)
27 Bucket down at start of 13th hole? (4)

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