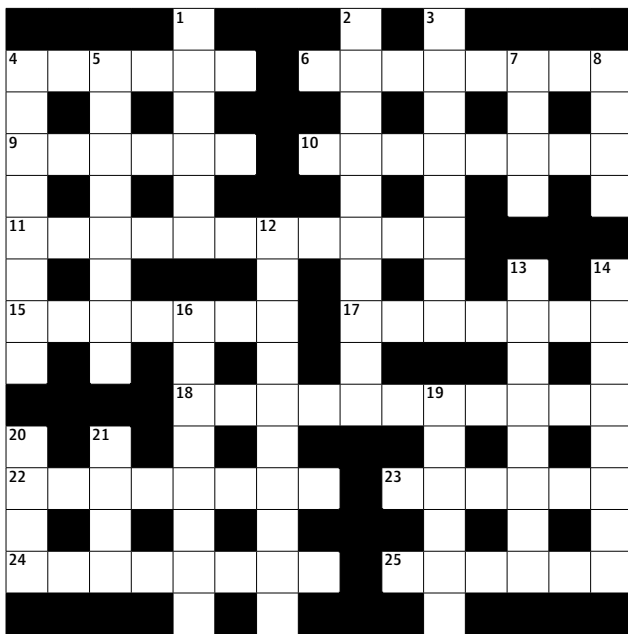


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 4 M pursuing police officers in upset state (6)  
 6 M that is with new (nearly new) cooking style (8)  
 9 Sculptor's M to wear cravat, oddly (6)  
 10 M round America aboard illuminated vessel (8)  
 11 Marshal or others checking M for stratagem (6,5)  
 15 M in site renovated for Turkish hostels (7)  
 17 Group with M to take clothing from punter (7)  
 18 M in tailored gear isn't something performers put on (11)  
 22 Fancies M tucking into cold desserts (8)  
 23 Lad has M with courier losing face (6)  
 24 Ruined theatre with appeal after M (8)  
 25 Measures M in borders of Greece and Sweden (6)
- 4 1950s' hairstyle is nothing to follow (8)  
 5 Reasons to get excited, embracing hot ladies abroad (8)  
 7 Congress cut corner (4)  
 8 Cooks throwing away hot food (4)  
 12 Lag gets stir? Yes, he's in need of reform (10)  
 13 Without piano, band leader is impressive (8)  
 14 Crossworders getting back parts in movies (8)  
 16 It helps one who's boiling mad, initially interrupting to incite row (3,5)  
 19 Many left old city in China (6)  
 20 Suffered discomfort leaving hotel that's provided a good service? (4)  
 21 Perhaps its work leads to energy consumption (4)

### Down

- 1 Country where a crossdresser's in trouble, turning back (6)  
 2 Thus little marsupial's protected by parents in places to play (5,5)  
 3 It might save you from prison sentence when on smack (8)

Solution No. 26,632

P	O	L	E	M	I	C	I	N	H	A	S	T	E
A	A	I	A	N	Y	I	Y						
C	A	P	O	N	C	H	A	M	P	A	G	N	E
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