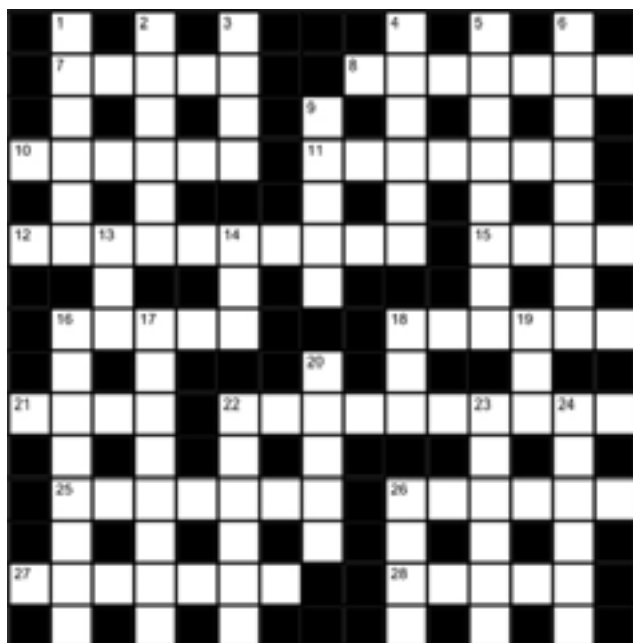


## GENIUS NO.150



### Across

- 7 Hopes pairs solved: initially set about note, we're told (5)
- 8 Hopes pairs solved: initially set about note, we're told (7)
- 10 Latter's shocked and upset (6)
- 11 Latter's shocked and upset (7)
- 12 Wrapped by underwear, I gain empty nut – that's capital (10)
- 15 Wrapped by underwear, I gain empty nut – that's capital (4)
- 16 Frequently spurn; indeed, one glows, having this? (5)
- 18 Frequently spurn: indeed, one glows, having this? (6)
- 21 Starts talks round a painful snare (4)
- 22 Starts talks round a painful snare (10)
- 25 Perhaps sees points set out for novelty (7)
- 26 Perhaps sees points set out for novelty (6)
- 27 Leave lodging somewhat sequentially – have life? (4,3)
- 28 Leave lodging somewhat sequentially – have life? (5)

### Instructions

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 30 January. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

### Down

- 1 Injure in spar? (6)
- 2 Rook's stronghold (6)
- 3 Perhaps Lewis released initially wicked criminal? (4)
- 4 Fabled lion starts tipping sideways (6)
- 5 Parted in rage, like flies (8)
- 6 High flyer gets two under par on a links? (3,5)
- 9 Like chicken pasty (5)
- 13 Vicar regularly used to record programmes (3)
- 14 Restrain Asian, reportedly (3)
- 16 Pandora and I, racked with fear (8)
- 17 Soup's bad, we're told: awful end risked (8)
- 19 I said "contract", fool! (3)
- 20 Chiefly trees, chiefly trees (5)
- 22 Uncover work on raised Indian city (4,2)
- 23 A tune I played for the BBC (6)
- 24 Picks caught in upright slab (6)