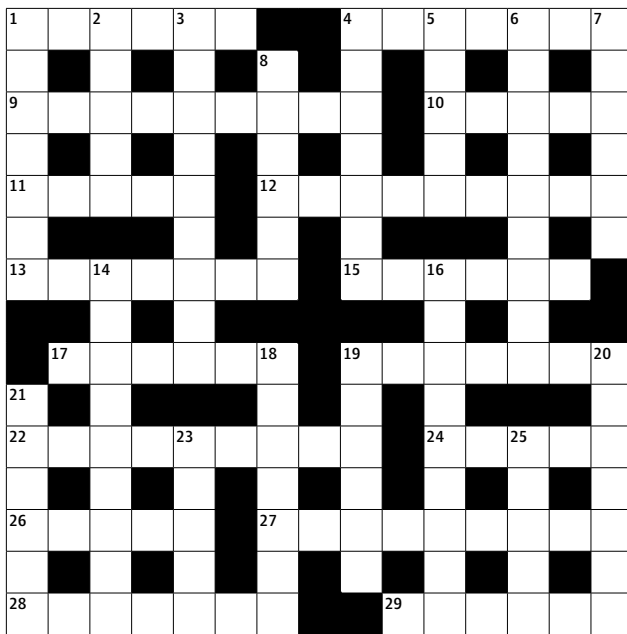


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Kind mother? (6)
4 Exercise books lose one 11s (7)
9 Do Russian rebels become old-fashioned types? (9)
10 After drink, sailor twirls to dance (5)
11 Stoke-on-Trent's code is a gem (5)
12 Plant on which money might grow? (5,4)
13 Clever person – Sting, that is (7)
15 US fruit drink (6)
17 Grounds for first divorce? I traded in sober adult (6)
19 Foundation of plot 11 (7)
22 It can help one get a start in life (9)
24 Rule, which comes from above, they say (5)
26 11's fine dressing (5)
27 Docker does exert, working shifts 10 to 5 (9)
28 Spooner to ask for stories as extras (3,4)
29 See 23
- 6** Sparkling wine for meat course, almost cooked (9)
7 Criticises 11s (6)
8 Utter problem – there's no time for pieces of 11 (6)
14 Fighting animal volunteers upset leader (9)
16 Foreign articles close to home in war briefs, perhaps (9)
18 Declares at cricket matches (7)
19 Quarrel breaking out nearby (6)
20 German philosopher covers the Spanish, English or Finnish instrument (7)
21 Enough to get you drunk: no end of drink – is that morally wrong? (6)
23,29 '40s actress is tee-total and fit, eating yogurt regularly (5,6)
25 Encircle part of Britain or Belgium (5)

Down

- 1** When they're busy, they've nothing on (7)
2 Drink made from brown leaves? Not half! (5)
3 Took time out squeezing muscle to be admired (9)
4 Questions about IT? No one notices (7)
5 Not interested in meals being delivered? (5)

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