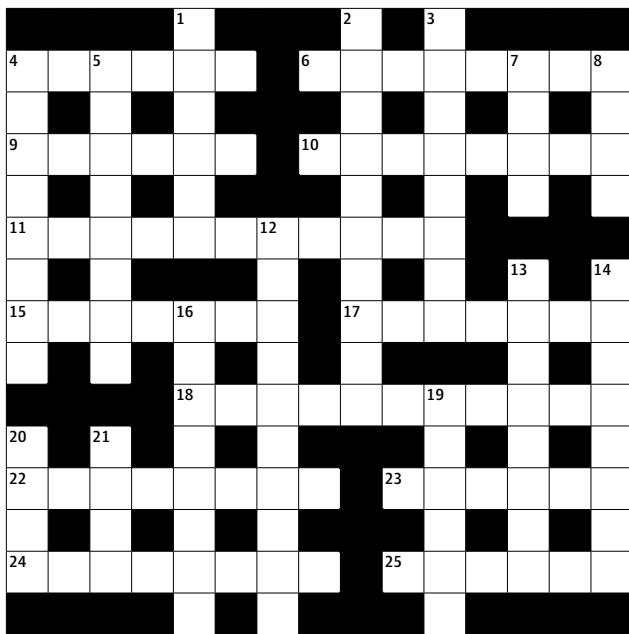


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,206 set by Chionie

Across

- 4** Turned and set free (6)
6 Marine upset a lunatic (8)
9 Gave approval for silver musical instrument (6)
10 Weakling keeps small coin of necessity (8)
11 Inane men act badly? Get support! (11)
15 Talk about Spanish river transport (7)
17 Incline to keep article that's most flexible (7)
18 Odds favouring bishop's competence (11)
22 Attic in which Anita foolishly keeps hen (8)
23 Swimmer cut grass round hotel (6)
24 With composure and cunning to embrace oriental girlfriend (8)
25 Agent commandeers shelter for dwarf (6)

Down

- 1** Order credit to be changed (6)
2 Wild Australian orgy (10)
3 Unpleasantly rough walk by conservationists (8)
4 Hurt when in lively shop (8)
5 Deadly connection (8)
7 The gang boasted (4)

- 8** Apprentice dined and departed (4)
12 Desire to join forces, in theory (10)
13 Opposition of Parisian's intended (8)
14 Avoid or support a plan (4,4)
16 One politician gets agreement for exemption from punishment (8)
19 This eavesdropper will run away, if the situation heats up (6)
20 Female section of the National Assembly (4)
21 Mum gets a dead fish (4)

Solution No. 27,205

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