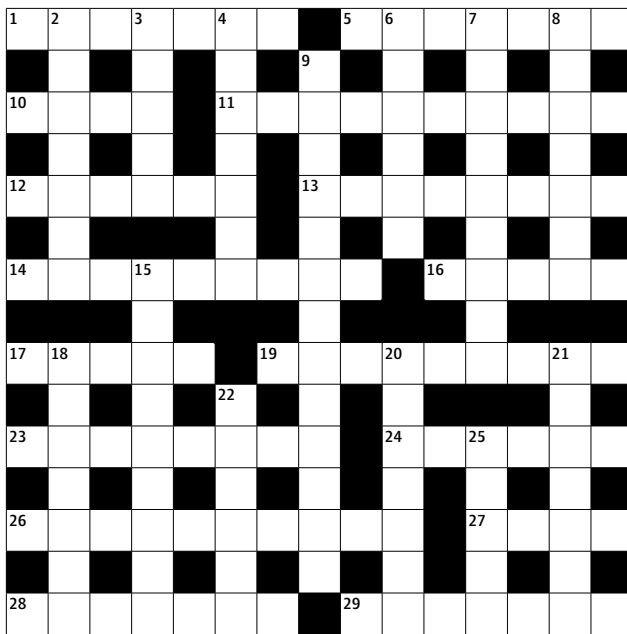


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Player added a bit of cream to hair (7)
5 Girl eats dace cooked in college (7)
10 South American seen in Dublin Castle (4)
11 "I'm to enter a new arrangement", articulated performer (10)
12 Current fashion for scientist (6)
13 Plant encircles lake? No kidding! (8)
14 Latest news of holy woman's put down (4,5)
16 Prize for lad keeping books (5)
17 Gives a drenching to drunkards (5)
19 Host attending the Queen (9)
23 Finished with model? That's a bit dim! (8)
24 Rub Pat the wrong way? That's sudden! (6)
26 Scoundrels about to claim Oxford University is like death (10)
27 Dragging a piece of timber around Norwegian capital (4)
28 A number embrace goddess? That's capital! (7)
29 Woman in torment shows spirit (7)

Down

- 2** Question many on trial (7)
3 Soldier's pretence of dissent (5)
4 Study group in airmen's mess (7)
6 Creditor possesses coins (6)
7 Trim blue carpet (5,4)
8 Sailor gives lashings in support of officer (7)
9 Arrangement for lecture about royal box (13)
15 Cope with freak distribution? That gives nothing away! (5,4)
18 Prevent honoured officer adopting the Roman way to tango (7)
20 Birds for every one in Wales (7)
21 Range of vessels in river (7)
22 Optical device advanced artist (6)
25 Registers car (5)

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