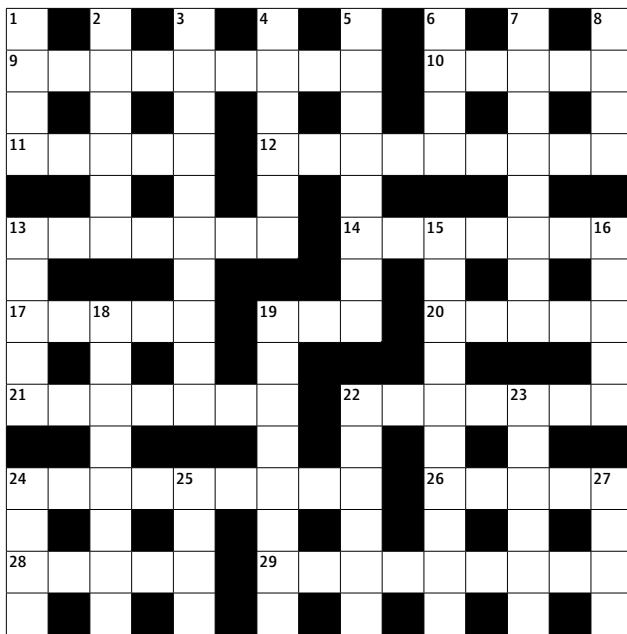


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9 Funny swimmer? (9)
 10 Daughters leave mottled fruit (5)
 11 Turning over, she finally sleeps in lace (5)
 12 Talent show from America – edited, soulless and tired (9)
 13 Deer knocks back glitter (7)
 14 Bet pound on leading filly, say (7)
 17 Unacceptable to only score 99? (3,2)
 19 Quiet? Yes, quiet (3)
 20 Make Broad an extra batsman at the end (5)
 21 Before victory, South led amazing trick (7)
 22 Colourful old children's TV show? (7)
 24 To suggest making love handle, rip apart! (9)
 26 Reportedly want massage (5)
 28 Surrey town, for example, hot in the morning (5)
 29 Stories about small mammal drawings (9)

Down

- 1 They're cold inside, that is, on top of stick (4)
 2 Bareback rider? (6)
 3 Runabout conked out, requiring energy not taken into account (10)
 4 Finger food with black liquid centre (6)

- 5 Pest breaking the law in France – “why?”, they ask (5,3)
 6 Rowling receives a first Christmas card (4)
 7 Ran over dear pet – tragic! (8)
 8 Drink made at sea (4)
 13 Not even science is above society functions (5)
 15 Greek character's upset with reading faulty Kindle – no lines? (10)
 16 Frenchman's wife to start again (5)
 18 Evening time on island, around 1:50 (8)
 19 It delays working in a controlled way (8)
 22 It's unusual for the Queen's Trust to exclude the Church (6)
 23 Indian cigarette is close to the end (6)
 24 Dishes regularly spoiled with 25% salt (4)
 25 Mary served as host (4)
 27 Bolt had worried about start of sprint (4)

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