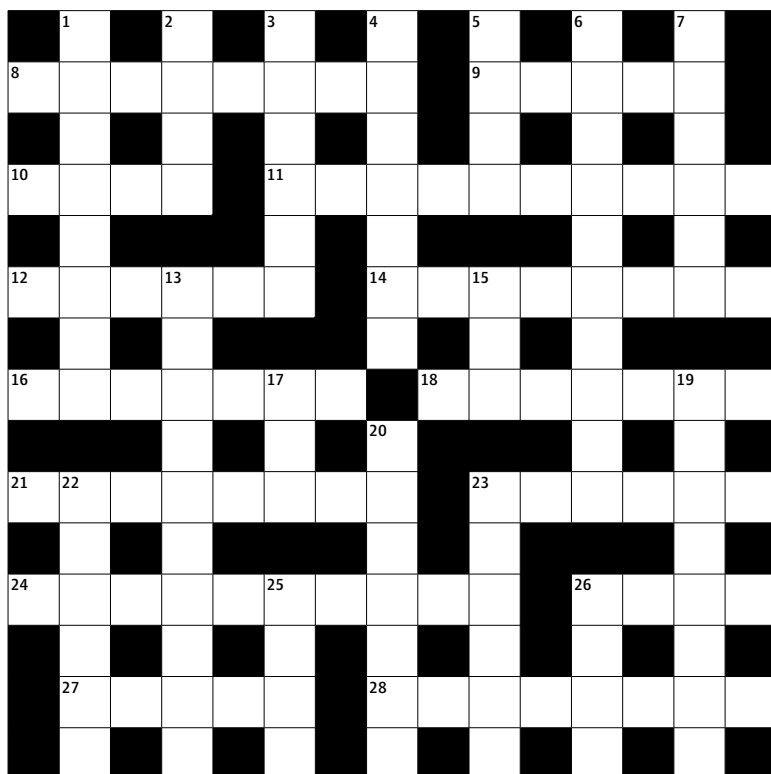


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,223 set by Qaos



Across

- 8 Poor, poor lady's taken in by unelected scientist? (5,3)
- 9 Artificial intelligence, holding degree: key to manufacturing old computers (5)
- 10 See 18
- 11 Most irritable clergyman grasps 1 + 100 + 1000 + 50 (10)
- 12 Salesman returns carrying fish and device for removing skin (6)
- 14 Engaged? Let's dine out (8)
- 16 Soldier on after cutting tail from monster (7)
- 18,10 Small, small net captures unknown eccentric barber (7,4)
- 21 During Christmas, to donate, give an extinct mammal (8)
- 23 Noisy disagreement heard in fifth farm building? (6)
- 24 Heavy rain could possibly run into chest (10)
- 26 How to get down from a whale? (4)
- 27 Man is 25, single and collects books (5)
- 28 Kill weed accidentally? It's edible (4,4)

Down

- 1 Boast about European Union, right, for one could wreck things (8)
- 2 Walk quietly on 17 ground (4)
- 3 Metal flying machine loses height

- (6)
- 4 Dignitary has fine, fine diamonds gold-plated (7)
- 5 Spy knows Russian ambassador never starts revolution (4)
- 6 In 25, that's fighting over English clothes (10)
- 7 It's cryptic woman's paper (6)
- 13 They illuminate gentle origins of some plants (5,5)
- 15 Act with mistakes when naked (3)
- 17 Aged around 500,500? (3)
- 19 Performs shoots (8)
- 20 Perhaps Julie wanders about (7)
- 22 They're creatively said – line's blown initially (2-4)
- 23 Find courage in drink (6)
- 25 Young men or unruly yobs? (4)
- 26 Account of Liberals making a comeback (4)

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