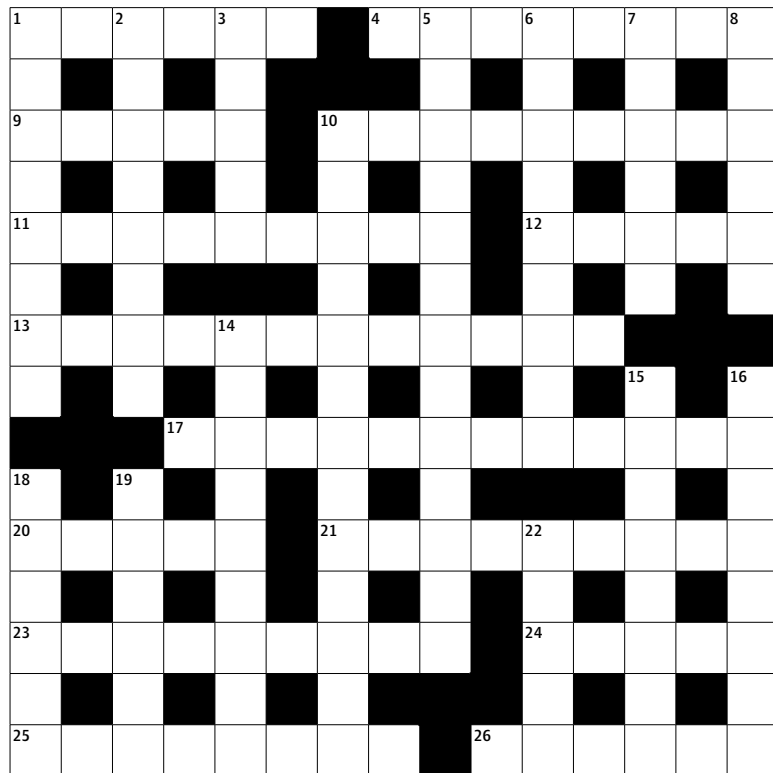


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,521 set by Imogen



**Across**

- 1 New financial institution losing pounds over a quarter (6)
- 4 Wine sent spilling over cat (8)
- 9 Case of 'Physician, heal thyself'? That's a bore (5)
- 10 Minor crag blasted for stone (9)
- 11 Coming to a point, band finally abandoned hire car (9)
- 12 Can it have to be proved? (5)
- 13 Extravagantly commend a fine story (2,4,3,3)
- 17 After some bowling on ground, I'm yet to get some spin: wait before able to perform again (8,4)
- 20 Some black cab always around, so taken unexpectedly (5)
- 21 Irregular school lesson in fine class girl missed (9)
- 23 One with a dream lover posed from behind first (9)
- 24 Native American's large basket (5)
- 25 Colonist put on fabric, one with stripes (8)
- 26 They are not generally to be heard speaking (6)

**Down**

- 1 Kidnapper's muscle (8)
- 2 Nuisance not having answer: girl in quandary (8)
- 3 Athlete who looks happy, though not first (5)
- 5 In distress, broken by temperature, leave the Badlands

(7,6)

- 6 Second royal in unpleasant house, a single-sex one (9)
- 7 American politician's one foul trick (6)
- 8 Predator of rat, say, biting its head off and beginning to eat (6)
- 10 Not a single job in Scottish island: a premature cancellation all round (13)
- 14 Final move of lover from Brno announced (9)
- 15 Curler, black, certainly fits round front of wig (8)
- 16 God! Imogen's work left in the wrong place (8)
- 18 Mistakes of bosses seeing no resistance (6)
- 19 Winner of an inaccurate timepiece? (6)
- 22 One magnet's orientation to hold copper for anvil (5)

Solution No. 28,520

