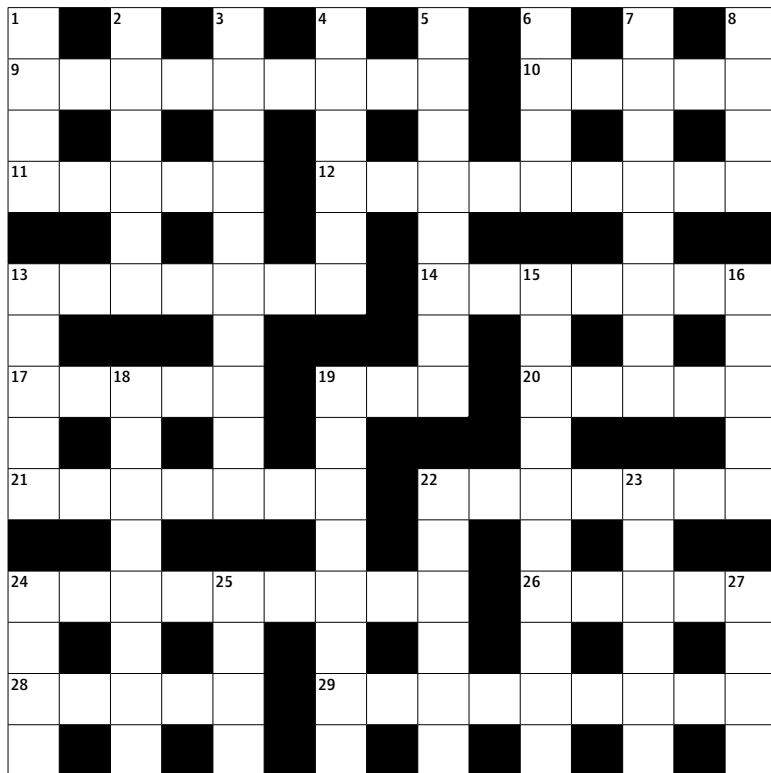


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,558 set by Paul



Across

- 9 Hopeful hellfire ultimately denied in Eve's reluctance to partake of forbidden fruit? (9)
- 10 Top off, cook (5)
- 11 Child, one accommodated in large shed (5)
- 12 6's vessel on stream (9)
- 13 Curious tree was top (7)
- 14 Cast of Cats, say? (7)
- 17 Characters regularly seen in small-town shop (5)
- 19,29 Cut in refinement, get work by 14 of more than one 6? (3,9)
- 20 Lexicographical publication, old, old manuscript (5)
- 21 6's blunder, one line back (2,5)
- 22 6's brief smile, fake (7)
- 24 Local worker, margin squeezed in trade (9)
- 26,24down Almost having taken head off, order dismissal (5,4)
- 28 See 8
- 29 See 19

Down

- 1 Straight punch catching back of Fulham supporter (4)
- 2 6's atop wall? (6)
- 3 Resident in Mississippi, a not unerringly trained listener (5,5)
- 4 State goes out with a dictator (6)
- 5 Leg across always in cramped quarters (8)
- 6 Name Welsh artist and English

- pop star (4)
- 7 Ill-prepared monarch sheltered, having lost crown at sea (8)
- 8,28 It, for example, requires change of kit in port on the Mersey (4,5)
- 13 Rough stuff, one caught by filly that's rolled over (5)
- 15 Mathematician who screwed up? (10)
- 16 Saw long coat, metre (5)
- 18 Wound cord before judge (8)
- 19 Drink inferior to sea water reportedly limited (4,4)
- 22 Loud, one needing quiet after kid turned up (6)
- 23 A zip's caught – whoopee! (6)
- 24 See 26
- 25 Blade's ego? (4)
- 27 Joy to behold finally, a grandmaster (4)

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