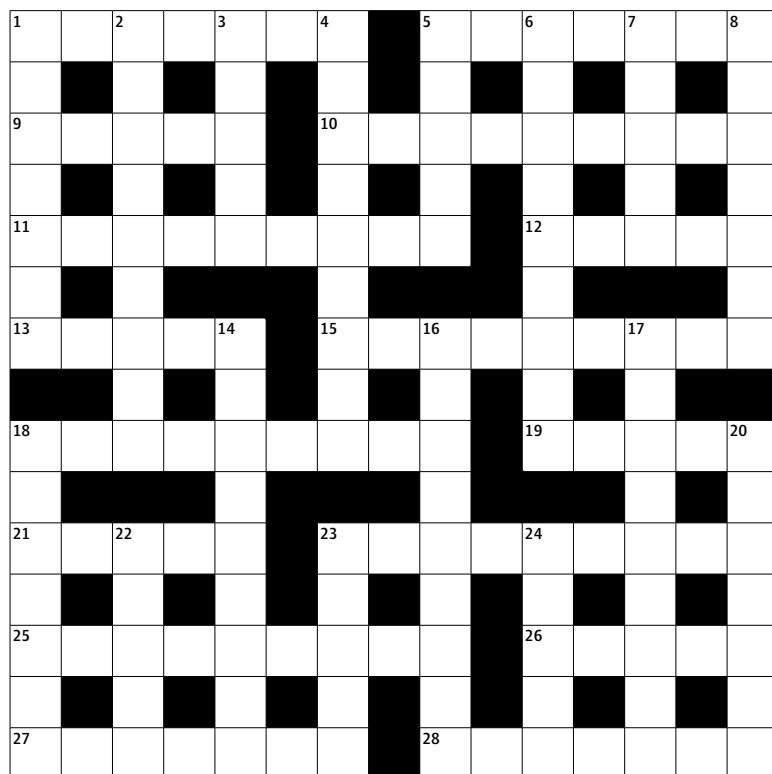


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,130 set by Brummie



Across

- 1 Independent member's back in political party? Very good (7)
 5 Stage play after *Oedipus Rex* leads switched (7)
 9 Stimulant that's popular in bed, perversely (5)
 10 Reproductive control of ape, correct? (9)
 11/12 They confine 'sub-atomic particles keeping motion at variance' (9,5)
 13 One's doing U-turn - court put out (5)
 15 English version of 'Up Attlee' uniform decoration (9)
 18 It makes no sense of call from South Carolina windbag (9)
 19 Remove a plant from its container and store? (5)
 21/23 Valentine card I designed for utterly evil type (5,9)
 25 A line on summit, one hidden by - look! - a plateau (9)
 26 Grass one put in labyrinth (5)
 27 Musical ornamentation giving increasingly hollow sound (7)
 28 Dark-hued cast put round growth (7)

Down

- 1 Old man, emasculated and quite sad (7)
 2 One whose number is up, having rounded Lido recklessly? (9)

- 3 Early craft houses (synthetic material) (5)
 4 Insect represented on chalice (9)
 5 Mature stripe not at the centre (5)
 6 Wrongly take fruit (the Niçoise date) that's crushed (9)
 7 OK bloke's name? (5)
 8 Artist lives by sealing lead in china (7)
 14 Extremely tentative about a simple, radical sort of photography (4-5)
 16 A riotous assembly swamps college - ghastly (9)
 17 Maybe Pepys' daughter going after head gardener (9)
 18 Shooter's recommended action for ducks and drakes? (7)
 20 As a consequence of your once imbibing free beer (7)
 22 Former queen hugging toe-curling cross-maker? (5)
 23 Unfit, one needs 'sleep time' (5)
 24 Steps inside Forum ballroom (5)

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