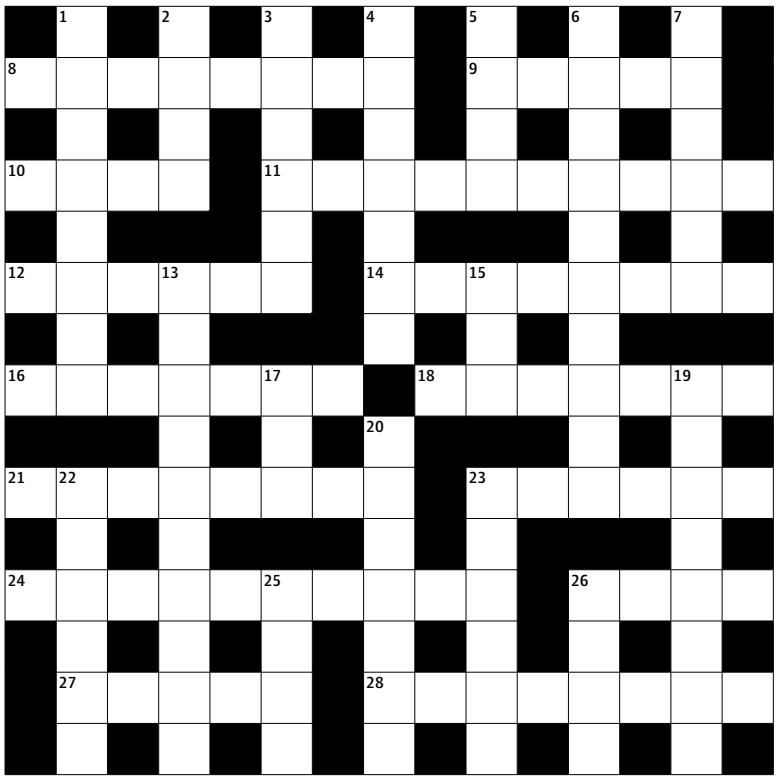
# **Guardian cryptic crossword** No 30,158 set by Brummie



**Across**

**8** Sack cord attached to new sheets? (3,5)
**9** Republican beset by donation swindle (5)
**10/11** Abandon all current tasks to empty the bomb bays? (4,10)
**12** Tinkle, the comedian gets the bird (6)
**14** Defender consigned to stand by line, being drunk (8)
**16** Nothing right with a politician's speechifying (7)
**18** Makes us admit it's pitch? (7)
**21** Stunner's superior cleavage (8)
**23** Two party success - one goes 'swindle!' (2,4)
**24/26** Carp about the sheriff's war? (10,4)
**27** Maybe Mr Bean's said to be more than half cut (5)
**28** Fixer gets to stop working with rock star finally (8)

**Down**

**1** Keen drinker's favoured place - but not for this? (4,4)
**2** Left inside swell American place to sleep (4)
**3** 'Eat!' said as a joke (6)
**4** Relative, about to depart, wants a quiet release (7)
**5** Revolting caveman's utterance, put heartlessly? (4)
**6** Looking to get a hit from a drug, say, that's pure? (4-6)
**7** Second-time political party takes ultimately futile position (6)
**13** Watch case's telling place in a court (7,3)
**15** Charlie's egg (3)
**17** 'No modern technology in Cairo, sadly' - legendary flier (3)
**19** Dirty, single-coated timber (8)
**20** Standing figure straddling river (7)
**22** Sound of free-for-alls put into words? (6)
**23** Force of habit to skirt university (6)
**25** Achieve diddly-squat as an alcoholic (4)
**26** Game's over for whip (4)

*Solution No. 30,157*



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