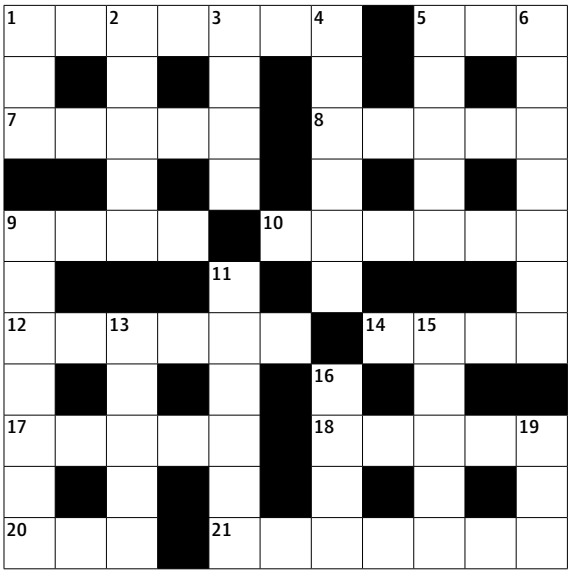
Guardian quick cryptic crossword

No 137 set by Glyph



Across

1 Despicable hater we rise above (7)
5 Chart mountainous alpine paths primarily (3)
7 Type of balm extracted from plant I germinated (5)
8 Starts to find uranium nearby, growing incandescent mushrooms (5)
9 One casts light about labs intermittently (4)
10 Woman in Poundland reading? (6)
12 Charon's new device for keeping ferry still (6)
14 From time to time doubt one's instrument (4)
17 Genuflect as leaders of Kingdom near - everyone, even ladies (5)
18 Spirit of Verne novel (5)
20 Money pocketed by light infantry (3)
21 Every so often, SW choir set clues - one might be 20ac (7)

Down

1 Tweed to regularly get damp (3)
2 Backer invested in Italian gelato (5)
3 Cheap red occasionally complex (4)
4 First shows of run exciting for understudies, no demands for money back (6)
5 Worker contributing to admin errors (5)
6 Secret rate VIP arranged (7)
9 Global bank let off (7)
11 Grasp what's primal in fear of leeches, lungworms or weevils (6)
13 Sterile lance repaired (5)
15 Excalibur's tip partly shattered (5)
16 Not in favour of odds being cut - damn it Jim! (4)
19 Assess heads in early years education (3)

TODAY'S TRICKS Clues begin or end with a definition of the answer. The rest is one of these:
Anagram Anagram of answer and hint that there's an anagram
'Senator arranged crime (7)' gives TREASON
Hidden word(s) Answer hidden in clue's words
'Some have altered meat (4)' gives VEAL
Acrostic First letters of answer
'Initially get a good joke (3)' gives GAG
Alternate letters Choose every other letter for answer
'Oddly envied First Lady? (3)' gives EVE

Solution no 137

W	E	A	T	H	E	R	■	M	A	P
E	■	N	■	A	■	E	■	I	■	R
T	I	G	E	R	■	F	U	N	G	I
■	■	E	■	D	■	U	■	E	■	V
B	U	L	B	■	A	N	D	R	E	A
L	■	■	■	F	■	D	■	■	■	T
A	N	C	H	O	R	■	O	B	O	E
N	■	L	■	L	■	A	■	U	■	■
K	N	E	E	L	■	N	E	R	V	E
E	■	A	■	O	■	T	■	S	■	Y
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