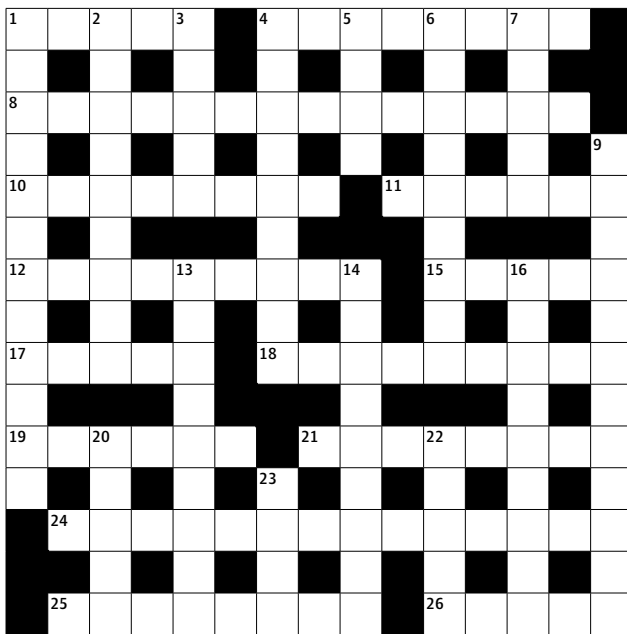


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 Old boring laughter track is ancient (5)  
 4 Genius CGI animations, only half animated (8)  
 8 Standard article by Tory, with mission to show England overrun by foreigners (6,8)  
 10 Linguist has appealing quality, university's guaranteed (8)  
 11 Yes, there's trouble for head returning drunk (6)  
 12 Bachelor, one completely crazy for oily fruit (9)  
 15 I must be on time for alluring lady (5)  
 17 King wearing drag is a fruitcake! (5)  
 18 Rubbish men paid by firm for collections (9)  
 19 Still pursuing winning result (6)  
 21 Pick fruit that's bagged etcetera, periodically (8)  
 24 Drippy American ex-president cut back security item (7,7)  
 25 One lacking in awareness gets punishment (8)  
 26 Monarch put on excessive fur (5)

### Down

- 1 Animal activist's outburst with a hen mistreated (4,8)  
 2 Imagined axe slashed a rug – it cut into screen (3,6)

- 3 Linesman scoffs, holding up end of play (5)  
 4 Italian dish gets cold, with Roman and local ingredients (9)  
 5 Left turn outside of Nashville (4)  
 6 Place for trying zip in novel female attire (5,4)  
 7 With "p\*\*\* off", clergyman gives offence (5)  
 9 Person tripping over hat's cracked a heavy blow (12)  
 13 Heard where Apple device is charged in orbit? (3,6)  
 14 Technique when shooting is utter flipping blunder (4-5)  
 16 Downtrodden, like Labour during Thatcherism (9)  
 20 Pan to fill has litres in (5)  
 22 Where crooks are beginning to organise a big fiddle (5)  
 23 Trouble afoot, with commander oppressing sailors (4)

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