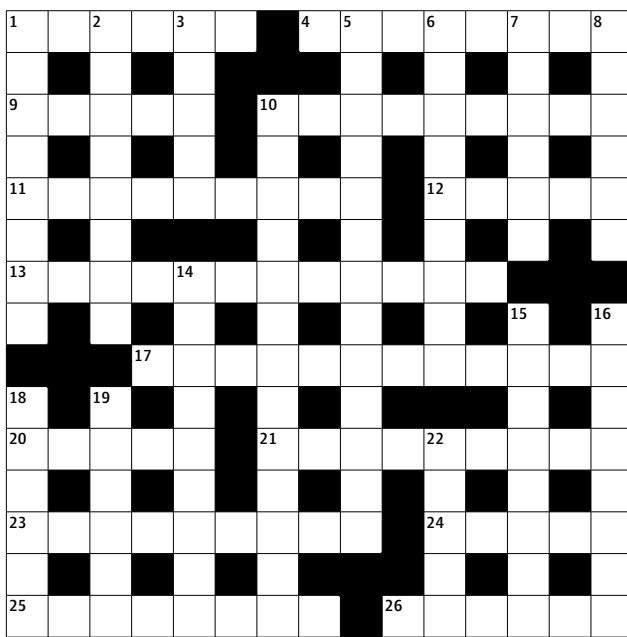


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Bird has a long way to go round German city (6)
4 Obligated to pull back, when about to consider force (8)
9 Classical tale of chivalry (5)
10 Father has half a dozen cats in the buildings (9)
11 Will Ross's cooked a cake (5,4)
12 Union member died, tucking into cheese (5)
13 Thought of French freedom (12)
17 A senatorship arranged for Greek writer (12)
20 Castle by edge of river (5)
21 Cook rice with basil and make it snappy (9)
23 Firm about nitwit's suspicious bird (9)
24 Bill and Edward played (5)
25 Said scripture lesson is included? It's barred! (8)
26 Bill's cast out, but protected (6)

Down

- 1** If upset, stay at home (8)
2 Hobble lethargically, but clearly (8)
3 Relatives socially acceptable to be introduced to community workers (5)

- 5** Rex gets Darwinian novel (13)
6 Ring assassin, where charge is made (9)
7 In favour of accepting a pound in coin (6)
8 "Make a reduction in class", we're told (6)
10 Wonky taps in reactor cause delay (13)
14 Orchestra leader wears clean bra made in Spain (9)
15 Relentless girl hit newsman (8)
16 Rose, like Charlie, has finished (8)
18 Supporters of British champions (6)
19 Doctor gets addicted a useful cat (6)
22 Tory's skin problem leads to collapse (5)

Solution No. 27,148

